

Re: Medical Tourism

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In article <1114805207.415061.71500@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "elgoog" <bjdefend-newsgroups@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

> Robert Klute wrote:
>> On Thu, 28 Apr 2005 23:21:51 -0700, "Jeff" <kidsdoc2000@xxxxxxxx>
>> wrote:
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>>>
>>>"elgoog" <bjdefend-newsgroups@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>>news:1114740600.720654.109150@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>
>>>> Agreed that the standard of living in Bombay is not like here. I
> take
>>>> it you speak of personal experience?
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>> I have been to Bombay many times and still keep a flat there (My plan
> B
>> for retirement). I have not had to use the hospitals there, but
> friends
>> and family have. I have seen how frustrating and inefficient the
> system
>> is there.
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>>>> Have you also toured the new facilities built specifically to
> cater to
>>>> the burgeoning Medical Tourism industry? I have not and do not
> know
>>>> whether it lives up to the hype – but, what has been reported is
> most
>>>> favorable.
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>>>>I concur with elgoog. From the reports I have read, the hospitals
> are very
>>>>good. The concerns raised here (having to take orders for IVs to the
>
>>>>pharmacy, e.g.) don't apply to these hospitals (although they do
> apply to
>>>>other hospitals in India).
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> > I have not been to any of these new hospitals specializing in medical
> > tourism. I would hope, and really expect, that they would their
> service
> > levels would be in line with European and North American hospitals if
> > they expect to cater to anyone other than NRIs.
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> It is an interesting thought though, that I have yet to see addressed
> anywhere yet: cultural differences that may cause conflict/tension.
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> I think that medical tourism is bound to grow, and may even be embraced
> by the health care market of consumers, insurance and public
> assistance. I think its coming. Doctors in America may find themselves
> shocked just as is happening now to other professions, and to the steel
> workers and factory workers before that.
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> Cultural differences have caused and do cause problems in business and
> politics. I wonder what kind of misunderstandings might occur in
> medical tourism?
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> Our (USA) medical system began a cycle of abuse against nurses, interns
> and medical personnel nearly a half a century ago. We provided every
> disincentive imaginable to chase technicians and nurses away, and then
> we dumped cheap replacement labor on them by importing from asia and
> south america. Subsequently, we created lesser degrees and licenses to
> hire cheaper less educated individuals for patient care. All of which
> has led us to a health care infrastructure that is wobbling at the
> knees and ready to break.
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> Staff shortages, overworked individuals, housekeeping cuts lead to
> medical mistakes (shhh, don't talk about it), inaccessability and
> unsanitary conditions. You've seen the horror stories that local news
> casts do on eateries, try surgical centers and patient care centers if
> you really want to have your stomach turn. All the while, doctors and
> physicians take the blame, get more and more disenchanted and
> imprisoned within the confines of the "system." Ten years from now,
> they will be losing their jobs to doctors overseas.

Someone tried to help me
I was in pain and they did not know my name.

Yet they touched me and helped me
up close as if they some knew how.

Nurses are under my protection...
As are doctors...My sister is an MD.
Her husband a virologist.

If you touch me I trust you. Prescribe only and I'll see you in hades.

Bill

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Vision problems? <http://www.ocutech.com/> we own two.
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