

Healthbase Prescribes Medical Tourism Ensuring Good Healthcare for All Americans - Uninsured, Underinsured and Insured

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Michael Moore's latest movie, *SiCKO*, makes clear the present healthcare scene in America. In such a situation, international healthcare providers help Americans by providing them the healthcare they need at affordable costs. Medical tourism, as the practice is called, benefits not only uninsured and underinsured Americans but insured Americans as well. Healthbase offers help to patients going overseas for surgery by saving them money and making accessible services not covered by their insurer.

Healthbase, a Boston-based medical tourism facilitator, provides services to patients at all levels of health insurance coverage – uninsured, underinsured and insured. The main force driving uninsured and underinsured Americans to seek healthcare overseas is the low cost for world class services. Those who are insured choose to go overseas for their treatment for one of two reasons. Firstly, the high quality services and the cost for their procedure abroad, which is less than their deductible in the US, are a great deal. Secondly, the treatment they are seeking may not be covered under their insurance plan.

Joe Lindt, a maintenance mechanic in Fuita, Colorado, and a Healthbase customer had health insurance to cover part of the cost of his major procedure in the US. Yet he chose to travel to India for his triple cardiac bypass surgery. According to Barbara Lindt, Joe's wife and his travel companion to India, "He did not want to fight with the insurance company to actually get them to cover what they say they will cover. After a heart surgery you don't need the stress of having to fight with the insurance company to get what you have paid for."

The quality of care delivered abroad is at par with that in America. Overseas hospitals that are JCI/JCAHO accredited maintain best practice standards of care. Cost-wise, the services are typically 70% to 90% less than the cost of care in the US." For Joe, the surgery which was estimated at well over \$100,000 in the US cost him only \$9,200 in India.

By choosing to receive medical, dental, cosmetic, surgical or other health treatments overseas, Americans take command of their healthcare needs, save themselves the cost of high insurance premiums and get timely access to top quality service, all at a low price.

Healthbase.com offers solutions to meet the medical needs of all Americans.

About Healthbase Online Inc.:

Healthbase is a one-stop source for global medical choices, connecting patients to leading hospitals around the world, through a secure, easy to use, information-rich web portal. Healthbase offers over 200 procedures and helps patients seek top quality healthcare in various categories such as bariatric, orthopedic, cardiac, spinal, dental, cosmetic, laparoscopic, etc. Healthbase's partner hospitals are located in India, Singapore, Thailand and Mexico, and are expanding to Costa Rica, Panama, Argentina, Brazil, Belgium, Malaysia and Turkey. To ensure that patients receive the best care possible, Healthbase works only with hospitals that have international accreditations like JCI, JCAHO and ISO. To learn more, call 1-888-691-4584, email info.hb@healthbase.com or visit www.healthbase.com.

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