

## Dental Tourism in Mexico: Underinsured Texan Saves 68% on Major Dental Surgery Facilitated by Healthbase

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Khan who suffered from jaw problems since childhood saved a huge 68% on his dental bill by having his dental surgery in Mexico. Thanks to Healthbase, the award-winning medical tourism and dental tourism facilitator that arranged his dental travel abroad, Khan was able to rescue his deteriorating gums.

Americans choose to travel overseas for dental care or medical care largely because of lack of insurance. Some have to seek this route despite being insured and Khan, who used Healthbase for his dental travel, was one of them.

"I have pretty good insurance from my employer. However, the orthognathic surgery that I needed was not covered," says Khan. He had a significant overbite that caused his upper tooth gums to erode. Only a bilateral sagittal split osteotomy surgery to fix his lower jawbone could solve this problem.

According to Saroja Mohanasundaram, CEO of Healthbase, "Orthognathic surgeries are major dental surgeries. Many times they are considered for cosmetic reasons. However, in other cases like in Mr. Khan's case, they are indicated as a treatment for non-cosmetic issues. We are glad to have helped him save his gums and a substantial amount of money too."

"My hospital bill including the hospital stay was \$8,300. Compared to the \$26,000 that my local hospital in Texas had quoted, that's a huge bargain," adds the 31-year old Texan who received his surgery earlier this year at Christus Muguerza Hospital in Mexico.

Healthbase arranged all the logistics required for his successful dental treatment in Mexico. "From scheduling my appointment at the hospital to transferring my dental records, photographs and X-Rays, and from arranging my travel to booking my hotel room, Healthbase was there with me every step of the way. Their website was so informative and their customer support was awesome. Without them my surgery wouldn't have been possible," acknowledges Khan.

The number of Americans seeking dental care abroad is growing by the day. It is not surprising then that Mexico is the chosen Mecca for dental-related services. "Its vicinity to the United States and Canada helps cut travel time and cost. Now even those who are uninsured and underinsured or those who have been waiting year after year for treatment can take refuge in the fact that there is affordable care accessible right next door that is comparable or superior to what is available at home," says Mohanasundaram.

Dental procedures for which people travel abroad include full mouth restoration, dental implants, dental crowns, root canal treatment, dental bridges, dental bonding, tooth contouring, dental fillings, dental surgery, and so on. Healthbase's partners in Mexico as well as in other countries provide patients with excellence in all medical and dental services. They have state-of-the-art technology, and highly qualified and skilled medical and dental staff.

"My surgeon instilled nothing but confidence in me and my surgery went without a hitch. The nursing staff was top notch and the hospital practices were on par with what I am used to in the USA," says Khan of his JCI-accredited hospital and surgical team in Mexico.

It's been two months since his surgery and Khan is in the pink of health. His three-decade-old dental issues are now a thing of the past. He has Healthbase and dental tourism to thank for that.

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