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## Medical Tourism: India is the Favorable Destination in the World - RNCOS Market Report

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The concept of Medical Tourism India refers to visit by overseas patients for medical treatment and relaxation. The opportunities in Indian Healthcare sector in medical infrastructure and technology are just as good as those in the West. New Delhi, India, July 28, 2006 - As Indian healthcare sector develops, a new term has been coined called 'Medical Tourism', which is the process of people from all corners of the world visiting India to seek medical and relaxation treatments. The most common treatments sought are heart surgery, knee transplant, cosmetic surgery and dental care. According to research reports on Indian Healthcare sector, the medical tourism market is valued to be worth over \$310 million with foreign patients coming by 100,000 every year, and the market is predicted to grow to \$2 billion by 2012.

Medical tourists choose India as their favorable destination because of the key opportunities in Indian healthcare sector in the form of efficient infrastructures and technology. The health insurance market and National medical systems here are well developed, which is convenient for visitors from the West and the Middle East. They also find the hospital expenses very affordable....  
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## How a UK medical tourist saved about £14,000 for a surgery in India

This UK patient avoided the NHS list and flew to India for a heart bypass. Is health tourism the future?  
Three months ago George Marshall fretted about the choice offered by his doctor in Britain. Diagnosed with coronary heart disease, the violin repairer from Bradford was told he could either wait up to six months for a heart bypass operation on the National Health Service or pay £19,000 to go under the scalpel immediately.

In the end, Mr Marshall chose to outsource his operation to India. Last month he flew 5,000 miles to the Western Indian city of Ahmedabad where surgeons

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at the hospital and heart institute took a piece of vein from his arm to repair the thinning arteries of his heart. The cost was £4,800, including the flight.

"Everyone's been really great here. I have been in the NHS and gone private in Britain in the past, but I can say that the care and facilities in India are easily comparable," says Mr Marshall, sitting in hospital. "I'd have no problem coming again."

The 73-year-old found the hospital in ahmedabad after a few hours surfing the internet. Mr Marshall decided to come after an email conversation with The Meditour's doctors and a chat with other "medical tourists" from Britain who had undergone surgery in the hospital.

"Once I knew others had come I thought, why not? In Europe hospitals in Germany and Belgium would do the operation for less than doctors in Britain. But Europe was still more expensive than here. And the staff speak English in India."

With patients such as Mr Marshall willing to travel across the globe to get treatment sooner or more cheaply than they could at home, Indian hospital groups see a huge market for their services.

### **Healthcare in Nigeria**

Nigeria has been ranked among the worst countries with weak national health system, making it the worst in health delivery system coming 197 out of 200 according to a recent survey. This was attributed to inequitable distribution of healthcare resources between urban and rural areas; and lack of functional referral system due to poor funding. This grievous statistic was revealed yesterday in Benin City at a one-day sensitization workshop organized by National Health Insurance scheme [NHIS] for beneficiaries of the health service. The workshop with the theme: "Enrollees' rights and benefits under the NHIS scheme," aimed at those currently benefiting from the scheme the various problems that have hitherto confronted them in the course of accessing health care services under the scheme. Dr. Chidoziem Egwuonwu who represented the zonal coordinator (south-south)of NHIS, Prince Nasiru Ikhara at the workshop, also revealed that only 39 percent of births are assisted by skilled health professionals, just as only 23 percent of children between 12 and 23 months receive full course of immunization against childhood killer diseases. Dr. Egwuonwu however reassured that the NHIS was set up in the year 1999 to tackle the poor state of Nigeria's health system, to address the rising cost of health care in the country and to mobilize extra resources to complement the inadequate budgetary allocation for health.

According to him, NHIS as the missing link for attaining the highest standard in healthcare service in Nigeria will make access to good healthcare available to those enrolled on the scheme, as well as protecting families from the financial hardship of huge medical bills. He disclosed that the scheme which is currently made compulsory for all federal workers has so far accredited 8000 health facilities across the country, with 4.5 million enrollments of people accessing health care through the scheme, adding that NHIS has also implemented the MDG subsidy funding for pregnant women and children under age five in 12 states of the federation. A new NHIS bill currently before the senate is seeking to make all States to join in the scheme. The scheme is funded through contributions by employers and employees, with each contributor, his wife and four children benefiting.

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Many parents remember when measles was a leading cause of death among children under five in Tanzania. Concerted effort at routine immunization targeting all children at the age of 9 months, plus supplementary measles vaccination campaigns, has helped to reduce the terrible toll of this disease. However, it is only through constant vigilance and vaccination that we can keep this killer disease under control. Sadly, measles has re-emerged as a threat to the survival of Tanzania's children and to the important health gains achieved over the last decade...([readmore](#))

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- Internationally accredited medical facilities using the latest technologies
- Highly qualified Physicians/Surgeons and hospital support staff
- Significant cost savings compared to domestic private healthcare
- Medical treatment costs in India are lower by at least 60-80% when compared to similar procedures in North America and the UK
- No Wait Lists
- Fluent English speaking staff
- Options for private room, translator, private chef, dedicated staff during your stay and many other tailor-made services
- Can easily be combined with a holiday / business trip.

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