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## Medical and Wellness Tourism: Currency Devaluations Sweeten the Deal

The development of medical tourism in Latin America in recent years has been very profitable for destination country economies. Surgical and dental procedures are offered at a sharp discount compared to U.S. prices. Over 1.4 million Americans went abroad for medical care in 2010, a number that has grown alongside the rising cost of care following the Affordable Care Act. Latin America is reaching the lion's share with cost-friendly and increasingly excellent medical care combined with developed tourist infrastructure. The establishment of rigorous standards via U.S.-based Joint Commission International allows a growing number of accredited Latin American hospitals to leverage a golden nest of approval.

