

LatAm Healthcare Pulse

Key data and perspectives on **patient care**

Colombia

GHI has been monitoring health care trends in Latin America throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Our team of analysts and in-country experts (behavioral physicians, surgeons, hospital administrative personnel and medical staff) on a regular basis to understand how the pandemic, supply chains, and government policy are affecting patient health outcomes and healthcare market dynamics.

In this brief, we report key insights and local medical perspectives from Colombian the third quarter of 2021. We conduct our analysis based on primary research with experts in cardiology, neurology, endocrinology, otolaryngology, gynecology, and other areas of general surgery. GH tracks fluctuations in hospital treatment, diagnosis, purchasing, patients and procedure volumes from quarter to quarter. Findings from the second quarter are available [here](#).

"This is a pandemic in modern times, something that has not happened in the last hundred years. I believe we will see a gradual return to a new normal, where COVID is just another disease. This will go hand-in-hand with vaccines and possible treatments for the disease."

—Humberto León, senior private hospital, Bogotá, Colombia (Oct 2021)

Key data on COVID in Colombia

- **COVID Deaths (official counts)** - 429,000
- **Excess Deaths attributed to COVID*** - 469,000
- **Vaccination (total)** - population having received first vaccine shot - 67%
- **Vaccination (total)**** - fully vaccinated population - 45%
- **Hard-implementation speed** - estimated date for full implementation Q3 2022

Sources: American Market Intelligence, Council of the Americas, The Economist.

*Estimate for the period from Apr 6, 2020 to Sept 6, 2021 (excludes Nov 29, 2021). While official death counts have been reported in many nations, several sources indicate that these tallies significantly underestimate the number of DE. One of these sources is The Economist, which has compared actual deaths to national averages for the same period in prior years to estimate the excess number of deaths attributed to the virus.

**Estimate as of November 29, 2021.