# LatAm Healthcare Pulse

## Key data and perspectives on patient care

# Brazil

GHI has been monitoring health care trends in Latin America throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Our team of analysts and in-country experts interview 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 Brazil in the third quarter of 2021. We conducted our analysis based on primary research with experts in cardiology, neurology, endocrinology, otolaryngology, gynecology, and other areas of general surgery. GHI tracks fluctuations in hospital investment decisions, purchasing patterns, and procedure volumes from quarter to quarter. Findings from the first quarter are available here: [hospital pulse update for Brazil, May 2021].

"Due to the pandemic, many people did not want to continue their treatment and we had many cancellations of procedures for fear of a possible contagion, and more in our area that we are managing the main channels of contagion (mouth, nose and throat). The hospital offered promotional prices and discounts for procedures, unfortunately the result was not very positive."
— **Otolaryngologist, mid-size private hospital, Vitória, Brazil** (Oct 2021)

## Key data on COVID in Brazil

- **COVID Deaths (official/Gov't)**: [illegible]
- **Excess Deaths attributed to COVID***: [illegible]
- **Vaccination rate (1st)**: – population having received first vaccine shot – [illegible]%
- **Vaccination rate (2nd)**** – Fully vaccinated population – [illegible]%
- **Herd immunization speed** – estimated date for herd immunization: Dec 2021

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

*Estimate for the period Feb. Mar 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021 (updated Nov 30, 2021). While official death counts have been reported in many outlets, several sources indicate that these counts significantly underrepresent the true loss of life. One of these sources is The Economist, which has compared actual deaths to historic averages for the same period in prior years to estimate the excess number of deaths attributed to the virus.

**Estimate as of November 19, 2021