

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 administration 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 2020. We conducted our analysis based on primary research with experts in cardiology, neurology, orthopedology, oncology, gastrology, and other areas of general surgery. GHI tracks fluctuations in hospital investment decisions, purchasing patterns and procedure volumes from quarter to quarter. Findings from this first quarter are available here: [COVID-19 Update for Q3, 2020](#)

"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 (through mass and travel). The hospital offered promotional prices and discounts for procedures, unfortunately the result was not very positive."
— Oncologist, mid-size private hospital, Vitória, Brazil Q3 2020

Key data on COVID in Brazil

- **COVID Deaths (official Count)** - 102k, 30%
- **Excess Deaths attributed to COVID** - 160,000
- **Vaccination rollout** - population having received first vaccine shot - 25.2%
- **Vaccination rollout**** - Fully vaccinated population - 50%
- **Real Immunization speed** - estimated date for 70% immunization: Dec 2020

Source: American Hospital Intelligence, Council of the Americas, The Economist.

* Estimate for the period from Mar 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2020 reported from 25, 2020. While official death counts have been reported in many countries, several sources indicate that these counts significantly underestimate the true level of the size of these sources. The Economist provides 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 23, 2020.