

No insurance? No problem. Texans find relief at int'l hospitals



MedSolution.com connects TX residents with new hips and knees at astoundingly low prices

VANCOUVER — Thanks to the skyrocketing cost of surgery, uninsured patients across the Lone Star State are faced with a tough decision: health or bankruptcy?

But help may be just a plane ride away. A Canadian medical tourism company is connecting their southern neighbours to life-saving surgeries in India and France -- with costs well below US prices.

"In Texas a coronary bypass can cost as much as \$100,000 for uninsured patients. MedSolution.com can arrange the same procedure by fully qualified surgeons in India for about \$7,000, all medical costs included," said MedSolution.com spokesperson John Knox.

"We want Texans without health insurance, especially seniors, to understand that they still have many options available to them. We can help people access the surgeries they need without breaking the bank."

National health statistics suggest there are 5.4 million Texans without health insurance, about 24.6 per cent of the state's total population. Texas rates dead last behind all other states in terms of health insurance coverage.

According to the American Heart Foundation, approximately 150 Texans die each day from strokes and heart disease. Since one out of every four Texans lacks health insurance, Knox said we can only speculate how many have lost their lives as a result of skyrocketing medical costs.

Thousands more face another health challenge entirely – many seniors have put their lives on hold because they are unable to afford the hip and knee replacements they need to enjoy their twilight years in comfort.

"We can arrange any orthopedic surgery in India or France for a fraction of what it would cost in the USA," Knox said. "A \$40,000 hip or knee replacement can be done for less than \$6,000 with our hospitals. People don't need to suffer anymore. We can help."

MedSolution.com's state of the art, English-speaking partner hospitals can deliver surgical services for 30 to 90 per cent less than their US counterparts, including:

- cardiac (coronary bypass, heart repairs);
- orthopedic (full and partial knee, hip and joint replacements);

- interventional cardiology (angiography, angioplasty, catheterization);
- gastric (banding and bypass); and
- cosmetic surgery.

Blue Cross \ Blue Shield International has also approved some procedures at MedSolution.com's hospitals for coverage — an option that may provide even more savings for Texas policy holders.

Milwaukee resident Gary Konkol, 54, is one of many Americans who have discovered a world of savings by choosing a MedSolution.com partner hospital.

"My visit to India has been one of the most positive experiences in my life," said Konkol, who recently received a hip replacement at the Krishna Heart Institute in Ahmedabad, India.

"The medical treatment was excellent. However, the loving care that was shown to me during my stay went beyond any of my expectations. From the moment their staff met me at the airport in India — I never expected that strangers would treat me with so much care and kindness."

MedSolution.com's clients can expect the same standard of care at their partner hospitals as would be expected within the American system.

Partner hospitals undergo an extensive screening process which includes background checks with local health authorities and professional associations.

Hospitals must also adhere to operating room procedural standards endorsed by the World Health Organization, and their staff must be able to communicate with MedSolution.com's clients in fluent English at all stages of care.

In addition to France and India, MedSolution.com is currently building partnerships in Brazil, Turkey, Poland, Malaysia, Costa Rica, Mexico and South Africa. In Vitro Fertilization and dental surgery will also soon be added to the company's list of services.

Patients who require surgical treatment can contact MedSolution.com to explore unique solutions to their health care needs. Please visit www.medsolution.com or call 1-800-984-0457.

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