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### Taiwan – A top choice in Asia for medical tourism

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Taiwan, also known as Formosa – the beautiful island, is one of the fastest growing medical tourism destinations in Asia. Taiwan established a National Health Insurance System in 1995, offering a socialized health care plan promising equal access to healthcare for all citizens, and as of 2014, 99% of the population was covered. This has led Taiwan to be acclaimed as having one of the best healthcare systems in the world by countless economists and media including Britain's "The Economist," America's "ABC News," and the PBS' show, "Frontline." In this system, co-payment is minimal and cost for international patients are comparatively much lower than European and North American countries, while providing similar or higher level of medical quality and services. For example, orthopedic and cardiac surgeries are ¼ the price of US and ½ the price of Singapore. With 22 JCI accredited health care facilities, Taiwan offers outstanding quality of care with state-of-the-art equipment and technologies. Medical specialties in Taiwan include cardiac surgeries, plastic surgeries, IVE, kidney transplants and liver transplants with highest one and five year survival rates in the world. Hence, medical tourism is rapidly expanding in Taiwan as the global community realizes the tremendous value offered at the island's state-of-the-art medical facilities.

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