

Healthcare in Vietnam



Access to high-quality healthcare has improved immeasurably in recent years in Vietnam. Shiny new, well-equipped hospitals with well-trained staff have sprung up in major cities throughout the country. Several of them have achieved JCI accreditation—the gold standard in healthcare—in just the past five years.

Standards have improved in other medical facilities as well, which has resulted in Vietnam finding its way firmly onto the medical tourism map. In 2017, about 80,000 foreign tourists came to Vietnam for health checks and treatment. By 2018, that figure had grown to a whopping 357,000 international visitors, pumping US\$2 billion into Vietnamese medical facilities. The government is continuing to make investments in the healthcare field, improving facilities, and growing the medical tourism industry.

Costs for medical treatments here are much less than they are in other countries in the region, including Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand, and prices are considerably less than those in the U.S.—in most cases, around 90% less. Having a procedure done in Vietnam could possibly cost less than your copay in the U.S.

The most popular medical treatments sought by foreigners in Vietnam include laparoscopic procedures, kidney transplants, cardiac surgery, in-vitro fertilization, and robotic surgery. Vietnam is also a regional leader in ophthalmologic procedures, including laser and cataract surgery.