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HSHA 435- Global Health

Medical Tourism

Directions: Assume the role of a medical tourist. 1) Create a scenario to describe the need for a corrective/therapeutic/cosmetic medical procedure. 2) Briefly explain how you would benefit from the procedure. 3) Conduct an online search to determine which country and hospital/clinic to go to for the treatment/procedure based on a set of country and provider selection criteria you think are important. Prepare brief remarks to share with the class.

DO NOT COPY the information directly from the various websites. Restate the information in **YOUR OWN WORDS**. Cite all sources on information on a separate sheet.

Consider the following:

- Realistic scenario (describe accident, need/want for cosmetic procedure)
- Desired medical care/procedure
- Distance to destination- travel arrangements (where, how, when, who, why)
- Needed paper work (i.e. passport, visa) or medical preparation (i.e. immunizations)
- Attractiveness of geographic location (why there?)
- Medical tourism facilitator recommendations
- Price of procedure compared to U.S.
- Perceived quality of care compared to U.S.
- Accreditation of facilities/service/service personnel
- Recourse if there are problems with procedure or after care
- International patient services
- Ancillary services
- How do the medical services to international visitors compare to those services provided to residents the country?
- Responsibilities of travel companion (family or friend) that accompanies you (optional)
- What recommendations are suggested to recovering patients for the return home?
- Is the patient required to return to the facility for a follow up visit any time after the procedure?
- Is there communication between the patient and his/her health care provider in the States?
- Would you recommend medical tourism and/or the chosen procedure to another person?
- If YES, why, if NO, why not?

Format

Your plan should be:

- typed
- double spaced
- 12 font
- 1" margins
- title centered (on cover page)
- name in upper right corner (on cover page)
- no more than 3-5 pages (including cover page, references, and pictures)
- stapled
- pages numbered
- list of references/sources (use quotes and cite information repeated from other sources)
- pictures of facility, diagram of procedure and/or other additional information (optional)