



Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce US Medical Tourism to Turkey April 2009





- WorldMed Assist overview
- Medical Travel now and in the future
- Current high volume destination countries
- Patient motivation
- Turkey as a destination



WorldMed Assist Overview

- Founded in 2006
- Cross functional team of experts in Healthcare, Process Reengineering/IT, Insurance, Marketing/Communications
- Ethics/morals
- Customer focused a high touch, high quality experience
 - E.g. Case management provided by registered nurses
 - Triple digits # patients
 - Over 99% of respondents would use WMA again
 - Over 98% would recommend WMA to a close friend or relative
- Select network of high quality hospitals, audited in person
- First pure-play company to partner with US insurance company on national level: Re-Insurer Swiss Re









WorldMed Assist and Turkey

- Personal ties with Turkey
- First WMA hospital signed up: Anadolu Medical Center





WMA's Vision of Medical Travel

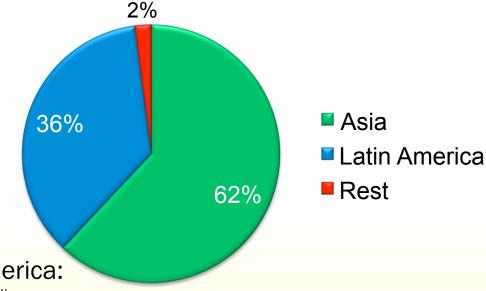
- Right now, uninsured individuals and uninsured procedures make up the medical tourism market
- As the medical travel market matures, we see a high-quality, low-cost, niche opportunity
 - Involvement of insurance companies
 - Involvement of self insured businesses





Current high volume destinations

Destinations from North America:



Popular destinations in Asia:

- •Thailand: Cosmetic, other
- •India: Cardiac, Orthopedic, Spine, Transplant
- •Malaysia: Cosmetic, Orthopedic

Popular destinations in Latin America:

- •Mexico: Bariatric, Cosmetic, Dental, Orthopedic, Cardiac
- •Costa Rica: Cosmetic, Dental, Bariatric, Orthopedic
- Brazil: Cosmetic
- Argentina: Cosmetic, Dental



Why do Americans go?

Cost Savings

• Up to 90% cost savings

Access to procedures difficult to find in US

• Hip resurfacing

Access to best doctors in their field, worldwide

• Super specialists, some UK or US board certified

High quality overall experience

- High staff/patient ratio
- Extended hospital stay
- Deluxe private rooms
- Comfortable recovery



The uninsured patient comparison process

- 1. What is the quality?
- 2. What is the cost?
- 3. Will I be safe as an American?
- 4. Will they speak my language?
- 5. How do I get there/hassle factor?
- 6. Are there any tourism opportunities?

	Heart Bypass			Hysterectomy		
	India	Mexico	Turkey	India	Mexico	Turkey
Quality	+	+	+	+	+	+
Costs	+	-	-	+	+	+
Image	+	-	-	+	-	-
Language	+	0	-	+	0	-
Hassle factor	-	+	0	-	+	0
Tourism	+	+	+	+	+	+



Patient responses to Turkey

- Where is Turkey?
- Oh no, I won't go there. They don't like Americans there
- That's a fundamentalist country
- Will I be flying over Irak to get there?
- Why would I go all the way to Turkey when I can be in Mexico in 2 hours and pay less?



How to make Turkey more attractive

Quality

- Turkey is part of Europe, not the Middle East
- Largest # JCI accredited hospitals in the world
- Large number of European, regional patients
- Many US trained surgeons
- Partnerships with Johns Hopkins, Harvard Medical International



- Get government subsidies to reduce medical costs
- Reduce travel costs

Image

- Turkey is part of Europe, not the Middle East
- Turkey is a secular democracy

Language

Train staff

Hassle factor

- On campus recovery
- Continuum of care by involvement of US doctors in pre/post care

Tourism

- Turkey is the cradle of modern civilization

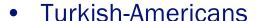


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Targets for consideration

- Uninsured/underinsured Americans
 - Viable if advice taken, but difficult
 - Emphasize super specialties/specialists



- Not viable short term: Turkish Americans have insurance
- Very viable long term: develop targeted insurance programs
- US self insured business and insurance companies
 - Very viable
 - Decision making process more rational and less focused on costs
 - Image still a problem: focus on international companies





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