

Medical tourism

Travelling cross borders for

- ordinary medical care:
- extraordinary/controversial care

Medical Tourism for ordinary medical treatment

- Cosmetic surgery
- Eye surgery
- Hip and joint-surgery
- Cardiac surgery/treatment
- Organ and tissue transplantation
- Dental surgery

Reproductive tourism

Travelling cross borders for controversial medical care:

- Fertility treatment
- Surrogate pregnancy
- Spermdonation

Medical tourism as big bussiness

- Brazil (cosmetic surgery)
- Bulgaria (fertility)
- China (experimental stemcell treatment)
- India (heart surgery)
- Poland (dental care)
- Taiwan (livertransplants)
- Thailand (coronar by-pass surgery) etc, etc.

Export of ethical problems

- Futility treatment (no more to offer)
- End of life care/euthanasia (not allowed)
 - Schweiz
 - Holland

Import of medical and ethical problems

- **Complications from surgery** (infections: curable and non-curable)
- **Medical follow-up treatment** (transplantations)
- **Abortions from countries with no or lower..**

Ethical problems?

- Exploration of terminal sick patients
- Patients safety/fatal complications
- Countries abstain from taking responsibility for own problems
- Fairness in relation to priority-settings in other countries' healthcare system