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East Asian and Pacific countries are growing rapidly. They need high quality, well-funded health systems to underpin their population growth and assure continued productivity and economic growth. But countries will need to spend wisely, using modern techniques of insurance and strategic contracting with providers.

There is limited trade in health services despite big differences in the price of health care across countries. Whether patients travel abroad for health care depends on the coverage of treatments by their health insurance plan. Under existing health insurance contracts, the gains from trade are not fully internalized by the consumer. The result is a strong "local-market bias" in the consumption of health care. A simple modification of existing insurance products can create sufficient incentives for consumers to travel. For just 15 highly tradable, low-risk treatments, the annual savings to the United States would be \$1.4 billion even if only one in 10 patients who need these treatments went abroad. Half of these annual savings would accrue to the Medicare program alone. The authors examine how measures by destination countries to improve and credibly signal the quality of health care can

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enhance the scope for trade.

Health, Tourism and Hospitality: Spas, Wellness and Medical Travel, 2nd Edition takes an in-depth and comprehensive look at the growing health, wellness and medical tourism sectors in a global context. The book analyses the history and development of the industries, the way in which they are managed and organised, the expanding range of new and innovative products and trends, and the marketing of destinations, products and services. The only book to offer a complete overview and introduction to health, tourism and hospitality this 2nd Edition has been updated to include:

- Expanded coverage to the hospitality sector with a particular focus on spa management.
- New content on medical tourism throughout the book, to reflect the worldwide growth in medical travel with more and more countries entering this competitive market.
- Updated content to reflect recent issues and trends including: ageing population, governments encouraging preventative health, consumer use of contemporary and alternative therapies, self-help market, impacts of economic recession, spa management and customer loyalty.
- New case studies taken from a range of different countries and contexts, and focusing on established or new destinations, products and services such as: conventional medicine, complementary and alternative therapies, lifestyle-based wellness, beauty and cosmetics, healthy

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nutrition, longevity and anti (or active)-ageing, amongst others. Written in a user friendly style, this is essential reading for students studying health, tourism and hospitality.

Health and Wellness Tourism takes an innovative look at this rapidly growing sector of today's thriving tourism industry. This book examines the range of motivations that drive this diverse sector of tourists, the products that are being developed to meet their needs and the management implications of these developments. A wide range of international case studies illustrate the multiple aspects of the industry and new and emerging trends including spas, medical wellness, life-coaching, meditation, festivals, pilgrimage and yoga retreats. The authors also evaluate marketing and promotional strategies and assess operational and management issues in the context of health and wellness tourism. This text includes a number of features to reinforce theory for advanced students of hospitality, leisure and tourism and related disciplines.

The most disruptive change to the world economy over the past half century has been the rise of so-called emerging economies, particularly the large developing markets of China and India. While initially appealing to Western business as lower cost production locations, these economies are now amongst the world (TM)s leading markets for the sale of goods and services, as well as a growing

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competitive challenge to established businesses. This book examines the competitive challenge presented by China and India as they increasingly influence international business activities. It considers their rise, distinctive characteristics, and role in the contemporary world economy. The attractions and challenges of doing business in emerging economies are fully discussed and the future position of the large emerging economies critically evaluated here. A key feature of the book is a discussion of the competitive threat presented by the rapid growth of emerging market multinationals as they aspire to catch-up with, and even surpass, developed market multinationals. Theory and practice are combined in this text with insightful illustrations and examples from a range of industries and firms, as well as current debates including the utility of the BRIC concept, the growing power of Asia, the future of globalisation, and trade wars. As such, the book offers an insightful perspective for students of international business, international economics, development studies and globalisation. Historically organised at a local or national scale, the fields of medicine and healthcare are being radically transformed by new communication, transport and biotechnologies creating, in the process, a genuinely globalised sphere of biomedical production and consumption. This emerging market is characterised by the circulation of bodily materials (tissues, organs

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and bio-information), patients and expertise across what traditionally have been relatively secure ontological and geographical borders. Crossing both disciplinary and geographical boundaries, this volume draws together a number of important contributions from acknowledged leaders in three respective fields: the trade in bodily commodities, biomedical tourism and migration of health care professionals. It explores and maps out the key characteristics of this emerging, although as yet poorly researched global trade, questioning how, where and why bodies cross borders, whether this exacerbates existing health inequalities and how these circulations impact on healthcare services. Considered together, the chapters in this volume invite comparisons of the ways in which body parts, patients and medical professionals cross national borders, elucidating common themes, concerns and issues. Contributors also pose important questions about the ethical and legal implications of the circulation of bodies across borders and evaluate current and future strategies for regulation. Healthcare and medical services have seen rapid development in various areas of the world, including Asia and Eastern Europe. These territories are now becoming a medical hub for many surrounding countries. Medical tourism is the practice of traveling to international regions for treatment that isn't available locally. This subject has gained significant

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attention throughout the tourism industry, as researchers and professionals are searching for specific advancements of medical care and hospital development in numerous countries. Growth of the Medical Tourism Industry and Its Impact on Society: Emerging Research and Opportunities is a collection of innovative research on the methods and advancement of medical travel for treatment in various global regions and provides insights for the growth prospects of the medical tourism business. While highlighting topics including destination branding, community impact, and hospital management, this book is ideally designed for medical executives, hospital directors, researchers, policymakers, academicians, practitioners, scholars, and students seeking current research on tourism practices within the medical field.

Western patients are increasingly travelling to developing countries for health care and developing countries are increasingly offering their skills and facilities to paying foreign customers. The potential and implications of this international trade in medical services is explored in this book through analysis of the market.

Explaining how to develop a patient-centered medical tourism program, the Handbook of Medical Tourism Development is the ideal guide for any hospital, clinic, hotel, spa, or ancillary facility wishing to become a medical tourism provider. From high-

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cost surgery, transplants, diagnostics, and preventive wellness checkups, to medical and wellness spa

Global public health is of growing concern to most governments and populations, nowhere more so than in Asia, the world's largest and most populous continent. Whilst major advances have been made in controlling infectious diseases through public health measures as well as clinical medical treatments, the world now faces other challenges including ageing populations and the epidemic crisis of obesity and non-communicable diseases. New emerging infections continue to develop and the growing threats to health due to environmental pollution and climate change increase the need for resilience and sustainability. These threats to health are global in nature, and this Handbook will explore perspectives on current public health issues in South, Southeast and East Asia, informing global as well as regional debate. Whilst many books cite Western examples of the development of global public health, this Handbook brings together both Western and Eastern scholarship, creating a new global public health perspective suitable to face modern challenges in promoting the population's health. This Handbook is essential reading not only for students, professionals and scholars of global public health and related fields but is also written to be accessible to those with a general interest in the health of Asia.

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"A multidisciplinary international team examines the safety, ethics, and health implications of the emerging global market for health care, and the issues that arise when patients cross borders for medical procedures they cannot afford or access at home, from liposuction to kidney transplants"--Provided by publisher.

Although it may seem a recent phenomenon, tourism has long been associated with improved health and spa tourism has its roots in antiquity. With the emergence of activities such as bushwalking and meditation, and with increasing numbers of people travelling abroad for medical or cosmetic procedures, medical tourism is now a growing niche in the tourism market. This book looks at the background and rise of health tourism, new emerging facets of the sector, and examines how health related travel fits into a tourism framework. It is suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

This book provides in-depth empirical reports on specific topics within five general areas of tourism management and marketing: (1) scanning and sense making; (2) planning; (3) implementing; (4) evaluating actions/process and performance outcomes; and (5) administering. Offering descriptions, tools and examples of tourism management decision making, the book is useful for students in tourism and management and for tourism

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executives. It has 27 chapters and a subject index. You've heard you can save big bucks by heading overseas for major medical care-- but you don't want your concerns to get lost in translation. Learn to navigate the international health-care system and find the destination that works best for you.

Medical Tourism John Connell Although it may seem a recent phenomenon, tourism has long been associated with improved health, resulting in a boom of spas, yoga and rejuvenation treatments. Medical tourism is a more recent example of niche tourism, with increasing numbers of people travelling abroad in search of cosmetic enhancement and solutions to various serious medical conditions, often through surgery. This book looks at the background and rise of both health and medical tourism, alongside its global expansion and growing complexity, and examines how medical tourism benefits but also challenges local healthcare providers, and contributes to regional economies and the tourism industry. It offers a unique overview of an emerging component of the tourist industry that is a distinct and controversial element of health provision. The book also provides insights into current topics such as global health and ethics, making this an essential resource for researchers and students of medical tourism and healthcare.

Asia is regarded as the fastest growing area for international and domestic tourism in the world today and over the next 20 years. Given the economic, social and environmental importance of tourism in the region, there

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is a need for a comprehensive and readable overview of the critical debates and controversies in tourism in the region and the major factors that are affecting tourism development both now and in the foreseeable future. This Handbook provides a contemporary survey of the region and its continued growth and development as a key destination and generator of tourism, which is marked by a high proportion of intra-regional travel. The book is divided into five sections. This first section provides an introduction to the region and context to the nationally focused chapters. The next three sections are then broadly based on the three UNWTO Asian regions: South-East Asia, South and Central Asia, and East and North-East Asia, providing readers with a valuable snapshot of tourism at various scales, and from various approaches and positions. The concluding section considers future prospects for tourism in Asia. The handbook is interdisciplinary in coverage and is also international in scope through its authorship and content. It presents a range of perspectives and understanding of the processes and forces that are shaping tourism in this fascinating and dynamic region that is one of the focal points of global tourism. This is essential reading for students, researchers and academics interested in tourism in the growth region of Asia now and in the future.

The era of globalization allows for more connectivity between nations and cultures. This increase in international association gives citizens the ability to take advantage of opportunities in other nations, such as medical assistance and accompanying services. Medical

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Tourism: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice is a comprehensive reference source for the latest scholarly material on trends, practices, and emerging phenomena of international travel by patients for medical treatment and examines the benefits and challenges of these services. Highlighting a range of pertinent topics such as hospitality management, reproductive medicine, and ethical considerations, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for the needs of healthcare providers, nonprofit organizations, students, and medical professionals seeking relevant research on the relationship between global travel and access to healthcare.

Patients Beyond Borders is the first comprehensive, easy-to-understand guide to medical tourism. Impartial and extensively researched, it is filled with authoritative and accessible advice - carefully culled from hundreds of resources around the world. Whether you're seeking dental work, heart surgery, orthopedics, cosmetic surgery, neurosurgery, or LASIK eye repair, Patients Beyond Borders is your best way to become an informed health traveler and get started on your medical travel journey.

Once exports and imports meant agriculture and industry. Today, in the global economy and the electronic age, trade is also expanding into the service sector. This timely book closely examines trade in health. Professor David Reisman offers a comprehen

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initiatives for health reforms, emerging medical tourism destinations, world class health services, health insurance, medical visas, chartered flights, cashless treatment, and technological advancements"--Provided by publisher.

Describes trends in regional integration, export competitiveness, and inbound investment for six industries within the ASEAN: computer components, cotton woven apparel, hardwood plywood and flooring, healthcare services, motor vehicle parts, and palm oil. The ASEAN members created a regional ¿Roadmap for Integration¿ (Roadmap) for each priority sector, and while these Roadmaps have promoted tariff reductions and streamlined certain administrative procedures, their success in promoting regional integration has been mixed. In general, economic factors and national government policies have had more influence than the Roadmaps over regional industrial structures. Charts and tables. This is a print on demand edition of a hard to find pub.

This book examines the drivers of inbound medical tourism in Germany. In light of growing international trade of medical services, it provides a quantitative analysis of the determinants of international patients' choice of destination. It develops coherent definitions of medical tourism and medical travel, and presents multiple unique data sets to identify inbound medical travelers in Germany. Further, it introduces an empirical modeling framework for investigating and quantifying the drivers and effects

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of a patient's choice of destination at the national, hospital and individual level. A particular focus of the analysis lies on cultural proximity and personal networks as key channels to convey trust in a destination's service. In addition, real consideration sets of international patients are presented. The findings presented are embedded in a global context and will help inform future empirical investigations and modeling.

This book hopes to stimulate discussion about how entrepreneurship and innovation contribute to growing inequalities in territories. This will help bridge the gap between research and practice on the role of territory dynamics and regional development. The book begins by examining the growing inequality in regions, which has resulted in lagging economic development. The need to shift current economic policy towards spatial inequality through harnessing the innovative capabilities of regions is examined. The book puts forth a case for reversing the inequality that is evident in lagging regions as a way to reinvigorate territories. The book should appeal to researchers, policy makers, business leaders and the general public interested in territorial dynamics and development.

The growth of international travel for purposes of medical treatment has been accompanied by increased academic research and analysis. This Handbook explores the emergence of medical travel

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and patient mobility and the implications for patients and health

In this unique and pathbreaking book, David Reisman examines the relatively new phenomenon of health travel. He presents a multidisciplinary account of the way in which lower costs, shorter waiting times, different services, and the chance to combine recreational tourism with a check-up or an operation all come together to make medical travel a new industry with the potential to create jobs and wealth, while at the same time giving sick people high-quality care at an affordable price. The book illustrates that it is no longer the case that medical attention must be consumed at home. Patients are travelling to Mexico, India and Thailand for a heart bypass. They are going to Hungary, Poland and Malaysia for dentistry. Doctors are migrating to Britain, the USA and Canada for new challenges. Hospitals are opening subsidiaries in Dubai, the Philippines and Costa Rica to see overseas patients on the spot. Integrating academic perspectives from medicine, tourism, health economics, development studies and public policy, the author concludes that the benefits both to the importing and the exporting nations are considerable, but that there are also some costs. He suggests that the new industry should be regulated and supported in order that it can do its best both for the local population and for the sick people who travel abroad for treatment. This

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fascinating and highly original book will be of great interest to academics and researchers in areas such as health economics, tourism, social policy, development studies, Asian studies and public policy. It will also prove invaluable to practitioners actively involved in planning and delivering medical attention in the global economic order.

Development Strategy of the Medical Tourism Industry in the Philippines  
Medical Tourism in Philippines: a Strategic Reference, 2007

Should migrants have the same rights as citizens to health care services? What do we mean by rights and by health? And how do we uphold such rights when diasporic networks provide a diversity of opportunities and constraints for people seeking to maintain or restore their health? Answering these pressing questions, this book highlights recent developments in the areas of migration, human rights and health from a range of countries. Looking at diverse health issues, from HIV to reproductive and maternal health, and a variety of forms of migration, including asylum seeking, labour migration and trafficking, this timely volume exposes the factors that contribute to the vulnerability of different mobile groups as they seek to uphold their wellbeing. *Migration, Health and Inequality* argues that we need to look beyond host country responses and biomedical frameworks and include both the role of transnational health networks and indigenous,

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popular or lay ideas about health when trying to understand why many migrants suffer from low levels of health relative to their host population. Offering a broad range of linkages between migrant agency, transnationalism and diaspora mechanisms, this unique collection also looks at the impact of migrant health on the health and rights of those communities that are left behind.

This report provides a detailed overview of factors driving latent demand and accessibility for medical tourism in Philippines.

Focuses on patients traveling for cardiac bypass and other legal services to places like India, Thailand and Mexico, and analyzes issues of quality of care, disease transmission, liability, private and public health insurance and the effects of this trade on foreign health care systems.

This book examines the global influence and scope of medical tourism with an emphasis on the city of Kolkata in Eastern India as an emerging destination at the regional scale. Through a geographical research perspective, the book discusses the importance of the phenomenon of medical tourism including recent trends, policies, and scale studies to develop sustainable strategies for medical tourism at particular micro destinations. In nine chapters, readers will become familiar with the multi-billion dollar industry of medical tourism and the problems currently associated with medical tourism at multiple scales. The trends of medical tourism in and around the city of Kolkata are used to demonstrate the roles of infrastructure and stakeholders in implementing feasible and sustainable medical tourism in an emerging destination. The first two chapters of the book provide an introduction to medical tourism and the methodologies of this

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study. Then chapters three through nine focus on medical tourism in the case of Kolkata to discuss the regional applications and developments of medical tourism. Topics addressed include medical tourism facilities, stakeholders and tourists, guest-host relationships, an assessment of development versus risk, and an evaluation of strategies to manage rising medical tourism in Kolkata. The concluding chapter discusses future strategies that could be used to implement the potentialities of a metropolitan city as a medical tourism destination, based on studies done in Kolkata. Readers who will find this work of interest include students, practitioners, geographers, and researchers and policymakers engaged in the medical tourism industry. From exotic spa treatments to euthanasia, this book examines the background and social context of medical tourism—the practice of traveling for health care. This work also documents how this industry is reshaping the face of medicine worldwide for individuals, local communities, and national health care systems. \* A timeline of important historical and contemporary events in history of medical tourism \* An extensive bibliography to assist readers toward additional resources for further research

The phenomenon of transnational health care has grown rapidly over recent years and this book provides a comprehensive landscape of diverse research communities' attempts to capture its implications for existing bodies of knowledge in selected aspects of medicine, medical ethics, health policy and management, and tourism studies. Deals with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving provision of health care as related to major health problems. This work examines social, demographic and structural problems, and a variety of health problems including chronic illnesses, mental illness, serious acute health problems, and disabilities that require health care.

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If you're traveling abroad, find out what diseases are prevalent where you're going and get the vaccinations. Some countries won't let you in unless you have proof of certain vaccinations. The most common ones are tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, cholera, smallpox, hepatitis, typhoid and yellow fever. Your state health department or the Center of Disease Control (877-fyi-trip, 800-458-5231, 800-311-3435, 888-232-3228) should be able to help you with immunization/vaccination requirements in foreign countries. Some governments require immunizations to protect their people from visiting foreigners and to protect foreigners from any health risks in their country. Ask the embassy of the country you're going to if you need special immunizations such as for yellow fever, malaria, or cholera. You might also need a health certificate and possibly an AIDS test. Health inspections and immunization requirements at international borders come down to two things:

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