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## **Transnational Medical Travel: Bioethics, “Medical Tourism”, and the Global Health Services Marketplace**

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Having access to a global marketplace in health services benefits some individuals. Acknowledging that many patients receive high-quality care at international facilities, not all episodes of medical travel result in good clinical outcomes. Some medical travelers experience significant complications as a result of engaging in transnational medical care. At a broader level of analysis, globalization of health care generates numerous ethical issues. These topics can be distinguished from one another and sorted into a topography of moral concerns. Particular consideration must be given to: 1) whether the commercial, profit-driven ethos of the medical tourism industry compromises ethical and legal norms promoting informed patient choice; 2) quality of care and patient safety in a transnational marketplace that is not governed by global standards or regulatory agencies; 3) continuity of care and access to post-operative treatment; 4) kidney selling and harms to impoverished individuals in practices that some individuals label “transplant tourism” and others describe as “organ trafficking”; 5) the role of transnational medical travel in facilitating spread of antibiotic resistant infections; 6) social justice and health equity in medical travel destinations; 7) questions of fairness when publicly funded health care systems must allocate resources to treat complications of patients who have obtained care at international facilities; 8) credibility of international hospital accreditation; 9) prospects for legal redress when personal injury, medical negligence, and other harms occur; and 10) transnational health care fraud and health insurance fraud.

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