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**Star Hospitals.net offers high quality medical procedures at a fraction of a cost**

**Ontario, Canada – April 16, 2008** – Star Hospitals.net ([www.starhospitals.net](http://www.starhospitals.net)) a North American healthcare service, offers American and Canadian patients the opportunity to travel to India, Singapore and Thailand for high quality medical care at a fraction of the cost of care in their native countries – even after factoring in travel expenses.

Star Hospitals.net highlights these comparisons, pointing out that for estimating purposes, individuals should add \$4,000 to the cost of the procedure to cover travel expenses for the patient plus a companion.

Procedures	US	India	Thailand	Singapore
Heart Bypass	\$150,000	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$16,000
Angioplasty	\$60,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Hip Replacement	\$50,000	\$9,000	\$15,200	\$13,200
Hysterectomy	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$6,000
Knee Replacement	\$50,000	\$7,500	\$15,200	\$10,200
IVF	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Breast Reduction	\$7,500	\$2,900	\$3,500	\$4,300
Rhinoplasty	\$5,500	\$3,100	\$3,000	\$3,000

Source: *Starhospitals.net 2008*

“The number one reason patients are traveling abroad for medical care is to access top quality medical care without spending their life savings,” says Kumar Jagadeesan, vice president of Star Hospitals.net. “Most hospitals in our network, are accredited or are working toward accreditation by Joint Commission International (JCI), the National Accreditation Board of Hospitals (NABH), or International Standards Organization (ISO).

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Following a diagnostic evaluation and the selection of a physician, teleconferencing is available for patients to discuss treatments with their overseas surgeon prior to travel. To finalize travel arrangements to the appropriate hospital, Star Hospitals.net staff will coordinate passports and visas, book flights and hotel rooms, arrange transportation from the airport, and complete hospital registration.

Guests accompanying patients can take advantage of Star Hospital.net's companion program featuring Yoga, Pilates and other expressive therapies. For patients traveling alone, Star Hospitals.net can arrange for a multilingual private nurse.

"Patients and their companions can feel at ease, knowing that everything is scheduled prior to leaving the country," says Jagadeesan. "Once arriving at their destination, our qualified hospitals, physicians and dedicated medical coordinators on call 24/7 ensure patients receive excellent care."

#### **About Star Hospitals.net**

Star Hospitals is a North American health care service offering affordable and timely treatment abroad through a network of hospitals throughout India, Singapore and Thailand. For more information please visit [www.starhospitals.net](http://www.starhospitals.net) or call 1-888-STAR-012

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