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**StarHospitals.net Announces Patient Airfare Sponsorship Campaign**

*Individuals will be awarded round-trip airfare to the hospital of their choice within the Star Hospitals network for medical care*

**Ontario, Canada – May 23, 2008** – Star Hospitals.net ([www.starhospitals.net](http://www.starhospitals.net)), a North American healthcare service, announced today that it is sponsoring American and Canadian patients to travel overseas for a necessary medical procedure at a participating facility in the Star Hospitals network in India, Singapore and Thailand. Individuals will be able to choose the hospital that best suits their medical needs, and Star Hospitals will provide an economy class, round-trip ticket from a major airport.

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.

A random drawing to select recipients will be held at the end of June, 2008. In order to be considered, individuals can send an email to [mbarbosa@cpronline.com](mailto:mbarbosa@cpronline.com).

Patients wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must be uninsured or underinsured and meet the following criteria:

- 45 years of age or older
- Visit [www.starhospitals.net](http://www.starhospitals.net) for a list of procedures available.
- Patients must be traveling for a “major” surgery such as orthopedic (hip or knee replacement or resurfacing), cardiac (angioplasty or cardiac bypass surgery), neurosurgery (brain tumors, spine, head or neck surgery), bariatric (Lap band

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surgery, gastric bypass surgery). Patients seeking minor, noninvasive procedures will not be considered.

- Patients must be open to media coverage.
- Patients must be able to travel for surgery by October 31, 2008.

“We understand that many people are interested in medical tourism, but may have some constraints regarding participation,” states Kumar Jagadeesan, vice president of Star Hospitals.net. “Our goal is to help people discover the benefits of medical travel as well as the quality of our services, which include the first call center operated entirely by doctors, physician assistants, paramedics, physiotherapists and other medical professionals.”

For further information please call toll free: 1-888-STAR-012 or visit [www.starhospitals.net](http://www.starhospitals.net).

#### **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