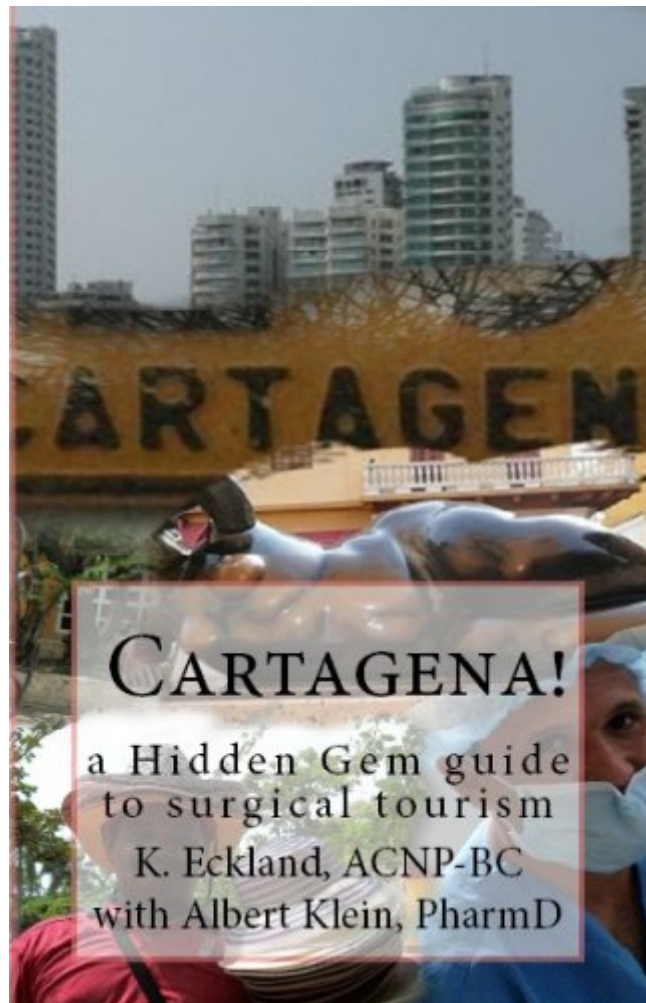




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# Cartagena! A Hidden Gem Guide To Surgical Tourism



## Synopsis

Considering medical travel but don't know where to start? Did you know that Cartagena, Colombia is only a 2.5 hour flight from Miami, Florida, and only five hours from New York? Did you know that several budget airlines offer flights directly to Cartagena with specials starting at only 39 dollars? Are you concerned about the caliber of medical care outside the USA? Consider this: What do you really know about your doctor? Is he just a nice genial person, a fellow golfer or crackjack surgeon? Or has he been disciplined by the medical board for alcoholism, wrong site surgery, or avoidable surgical errors? What really goes on behind the closed doors of the operating room? These are questions that thousands of people cannot answer, and most do not even know what questions to ask. As an insider in the world of surgery, I not only answer these questions, but I tell you more about the doctors of Cartagena, Colombia then you know about your long-term doctor down the street. These answers are more important than ever, now that failing medical systems, here and abroad are at a point of eminent collapse. Surgical specialties are particularly hard hit, as older surgeons retire with few new physicians choosing to take on the overwhelming responsibilities in an increasingly litigious society for less and less compensation. Surgical tourism is not the answer for everyone but it's certainly part of the equation and it might be solution for you. For about 20% of the cost of treatment in the United States, with no prolonged waiting, patients can receive state of the art, boutique surgical care in new and modern facilities. While much of this book is aimed at north Americans, this information is important to all english speaking people, particularly if travelling to Latin America. Hidden Gem: A guide to surgical tourism in Cartagena, Colombia answers all of these questions and more, while giving concrete, and detailed information to help plan your surgical trip. This travel sized book also provides general health and safety tips for prospective patients to prevent medical complications while traveling. Many people, even well informed, well educated professionals are unsophisticated when it comes to being savvy health care consumers. We pay far too much for far too little, with unrealistic expectations and mediocre outcomes. This book explains how to become a better consumer of health care services, and how to better communicate with health care providers. This book may save your life. This is the book we've all been looking for - with the factual information you need. Gives specific detailed information about: including where to go, and where NOT to go for multiple specialties: orthopedic surgery, bariatric surgery, general surgery, spinal surgery, plastic / cosmetic surgery, cosmetic and general dentistry, cardiac (heart) surgery and more. Also includes information on where to go for medical emergencies, what to do if you lose your medications, how to contact your embassy, etc.

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Since this appears to be the only book out there of its kind written about Cartagena I gave it high ranking. It is comforting to have the insights of a US trained medical professional about care in Cartagena. That said, the author didn't have much success getting interviews with many local doctors and surgeons.

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