

Slovakia Medical Travel Network

Press Release

Bratislava is not just a location; it is a destination. As one of the top transit points in Europe it also delivers world-class services at affordable prices tailored for everyone.

What is medical tourism?

The motivation of a person towards medical tourism is often primarily financial. A good ratio between price and quality of medical treatment is often a leading reason for choosing medical treatment abroad. The lower price is not the consequence of lower costs of the medical equipment and materials but relates to more competitive cost of life and wage levels of the doctors and other personal doing the medical service. Another reason of major importance when choosing a destination for the medical treatment is also the quality of treatment, the reputation of doctors in the world that creates trust among the patients. High standard of specialized clinics, medical centers, diagnostic services and medical care are the fundament and a reason for choosing a certain destination. The patients tend to be interested in treatment and therapy at a scheduled time, without waiting, in a nice environment with a service oriented, pro-patient approach.

Slovakia has the needed infrastructure and the quality of medical services and is becoming a popular destination for medical tourism. And the Slovak capital as one of the top transit points in Europe also delivers world-class services for affordable prices tailored for everyone.

Most Slovak healthcare facilities do not narrow their focus to only local market but go international. The services of private clinics are also used by foreigners living in Slovakia, Slovaks returning from stays abroad or simply foreign visitors seeking affordable quality healthcare services.

The current trends in medical care is focused on plastic and aesthetic surgery, dental care, short-term diagnostic or therapeutic stays, one—day surgeries and physiotherapeutic stays after more demanding surgeries.

Being successful in medical tourism is not only about receiving proper treatment at a lower cost. It also requires a whole framework of hospitality services including airport and treatment transfers, hotels and accommodation, restaurants, travel arrangements to provide pleasant experience for visitors seeking medical treatments.

Reproductive tourism

Head physician of Gyn-Fiv Fertility Clinic and President of the Slovak Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Assisted Reproduction Section Peter Harbulak, MD, PhD. claims, „Slovak fertility clinics like Gyn-Fiv provide world class success rate in fertility treatment. “

Slovakia has gradually become one of the most attractive destinations for “fertility tourists”. The reasons for that are affordable prices of infertility treatments, successful diagnostics and Slovak legislation. Competitive price levels and world class quality of treatment are available on selected clinics in Slovakia. Success rates of leading Bratislava clinic Gyn-Fiv are globally competitive. Patients from all over the world come to Slovakia to undergo treatment, using the latest methods of assisted reproduction at prices far lower than in their own countries. Slovakia gains world reputation in treating

infertility also thanks to liberal Slovak fertility legislation, similar to Czech Republic, the UK and Scandinavian countries, but offering more competitive advantages.

Plastic surgery and aesthetic treatments in Slovakia:

Foreigners coming to Slovakia have high interest in various body programs, such as slimming programs, cellulite treatments, dermatological treatments (botulinum toxin applications for wrinkle reduction and laser surgeries), plastic surgeries (breast surgery, rhinoplasty, liposuction, facelifts). The clinics that offer aesthetic, plastic treatments and surgeries must be modern and use high quality technological equipment. Most quality clinics employ physicians with multiple years of international experience working in the USA or other reputed countries abroad.

Concept Clinic is a recent project of high-quality beauty clinic in Bratislava, Slovakia. Executive Director Lenka Šoltýsová believes, that „international certifications like ISO, TUV or GCR (Global Clinic Rating) help clinics like Concept Clinic to achieve highest international level of standards and transparency towards the patients”. Her clinic being currently the only one with such high level of certification, justifies reputation by offering wide variety of services, including hair transplantation, penoplasty, breast reduction, breast lift surgery, labiaplasty and other aesthetic treatments.

Dental treatment in Slovakia

As explained by Dr.Alexander Schill, founder of the private Schill Dental Clinic, for the Slovak Spectator, “the prices of dental treatments in Slovakia are somewhere at one-third or one-quarter of the prices in western Europe”.

Slovakia is a relative newcomer to the dental and medical tourism market. Private dental clinics are ultra-modern and have the latest technology to provide dental services and are also offering highly competitive prices for dental treatment such as dental implants, cosmetic dentistry, restorative dentistry and prosthetic dentistry. The dentists and all the support staff are fluent in several languages and are proficient in English. The clinics are employing English speaking staff to reassure international clients. All dentists in Slovakia have the academic title “doctor medicíny” or “doctor of medicine” (MUDr.), or a BDS, BChD, or Licentiate in Dental Surgery (LDS). Slovak dentists train for six years as medical students of accredited Medical Universities. After graduation they register with the Slovak Chamber of Dentists, which regulates the dental professionals in Slovakia.

Orthopedic treatments

Health problems affecting the musculoskeletal system are critical to quality of life. Complexity and quality requirements of high level orthopedic surgery are limiting factors of affordable quality treatments. In Slovakia, we are proud to offer internationally recognized expert surgeons and world class technical conditions in terms of surgery and post-surgery rehabilitation treatments. Renowned healing thermal spas available all around Slovakia can significantly increase the final effect of treatment and are strongly recommended. Most famous healing spas include Piestany, Trencianske Teplice, Turcianske Teplice, Dudince and many more.

Dr.Tomas Jakubik, head physician of leading provider of orthopedic surgeries and hip replacements Clinica Orthopedica, considers quality so important, that „even though we receive many requests for

hip resurfacing, our firm belief is only hip replacement using highest quality medical components and most contemporary surgical procedures offers a lifelong solution“. Clinica Orthopeda uses highest quality components from USA manufacturer Zimmer Biomet and also serves as center of excellence for hip replacements.

Ophthalmology

The eyes are windows to the soul. Ophthalmology is a branch of medicine specializing in the anatomy, function and diseases of the eye. Some common procedures include cataract surgery, retina and vitreous surgeries, refractive surgery, pediatric eye surgery, corneal surgery

According to Dr.Pavol Vesely, co-owner of Vesely Eye Clinic and 3rd generation of a reputed ophthalmologist family, „majority of our cases are refractive and cataract surgeries, our clinic being the market leader in total number of successful surgeries“. Dr.Vesely, a frequent speaker of international conferences, performed multiple live surgeries, recently for European Ophthalmology Conference in Milan, Italy. Research and development cooperation with leading US medical technology provider Johnson&Johnson allow use of highest world quality eye implants. As a standing member of American Academy of Ophthalmology, he is familiar with US standards and requirements for quality care.

Vesely Eye Clinic is only clinic owned and managed by ophthalmologists. 3 generations of Vesely family have long track record in history of Slovak ophthalmology. Head physician Dr. František Veselý, 2nd generation, is main driving force of many milestones in history of Slovak ophthalmology. Current procedures include iLASIK laser surgery, most suitable for patients under 40. This technology is most popular worldwide, certified by USFDA (Food and Drug Administration) and the only certified technology by NASA for astronauts.

Why choose Slovakia for medical treatment?

Slovakia has a lot to offer to people who are visiting the country for medical treatments. Slovakia has a lot to offer for medical travelers. From stunning castles and historic sites, UNESCO heritage, museums, natural sites, mountain ranges, national parks etc. And what is also important for medical tourism – Slovakia also boasts traditional spa towns, where the patients can regenerate and recuperate in the healing thermal pools, therapeutic minerals and thermal springs. Slovakian spas enjoy a long and highly regarded reputation. The four-season climate in Slovakia is mild and very appropriate for taking a time to heal. Slovakia also offers climatic treatment. There are more than 20 specialized resorts in the country providing professional spa treatments. That and a lot more can be found on the relatively small area behind the borders of Slovakia.

Slovak Medical Travel Network

Slovak Medical Travel Network includes leading specialized private clinics from capital city Bratislava. To ensure highest quality of care, all selected clinics are operated and owned by Medical Doctors. Reputation of these thought leaders is a personal guarantee of highest quality of care. All clinics focus on the patient and providing highest possible quality of care in the first place. Business must come second. Selected clinics include Fertility Clinic "Gyn-Fiv", Orthopedic and Spine Clinic "Clinica Orthopedica", Dental Clinic "Schill Dental Clinic", Ophthalmology Clinic "Vesely 3rd Gen Eye Clinic" and Beauty Treatments and Aesthetic surgery specialist "Concept Clinic". The clinics operate for many years and have provided thousands of successful treatments with excellent results.

Clinics of Slovak Medical Travel Network and leading Medical Doctors:

- **Fertility Clinic**
 - Name: **Gyn-Fiv**
 - Web: www.gyn-fiv.sk/en
 - Chief Physician: Peter Harbulak, MD, PhD, Chief physician, President of the Slovak Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Assisted Reproduction Section
 - Status of Chief Physician: Co-owner, guarantor of GYN-FIV a.s.
- **Orthopedic and Spine Clinic**
 - Name: **Clinica Orthopedica**
 - Web: www.clinicaorthopedica.com
 - Head Physician: Tomas Jakubik, MD
 - Status of Head Physician: co-owner
- **Ophthalmology**
 - Name: **VESELY 3rd Gen Eye Clinic**
 - Web: www.veselyok.com/en/
 - Head Physician: Frantisek Vesely, MD,
 - Status of Head Physician: Co-owner, Co-founder, Chief surgeon
- **Dental Clinic**
 - Name: **Schill Dental Clinic**
 - Web: www.schill.sk/en
 - Head Physician: Alexander Schill, MD
 - Status of Head Physician: Owner
- **Aesthetic and Beauty Clinic**
 - Name: **Concept Clinic**
 - Web: www.cclinic.eu
 - Head Physicians: Peter Ziak, MD, PhD and Jozef Hedera, MD
 - Status of Head Physicians: Co-owners