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Top 10 World's Best Hospitals™ for medical tourists named by Medical Travel Quality Alliance

January 19, 2010 (Bangkok) -- The Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA, mtqua.org) has issued its first list of the top 10 world's best hospitals for medical tourists.

“Medical tourism is more than getting good medical care abroad,” says MTQUA founder Julie Munro, a leading medical travel facilitator and health tourism expert. “Safety and security, international patient operations and protocols, transparency and professional patient facilitation are key to achieving an excellent medical outcome for patients and more important than location and cost.”

Medical tourists, Americans in particular, have a world of choice in healthcare and are taking advantage of this. They need accurate up-to-date information. Using accreditation status and word of mouth recommendations is definitely better than relying only on internet sources. MTQUA's Top 10 List of medical tourism's best hospitals offers needed assurance for the patient.

Six of the top 10 world's best hospitals are in Asia, still the leading medical tourism destination for Americans. Two are in Europe and two in North America.

The top five hospitals are: Fortis Hospital, Bangalore (wockhardthospitals.net) (formerly Wockhardt Hospital), Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore (parkwayhealth.com), Prince Court Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur (princecourt.com), Shouldice Hospital, Toronto (shouldice.com) and Schoen-Kliniken, Munich (schoen-kliniken.de). These are hospitals where Americans can expect to get top quality medical care at good value and least concern about their own medical or physical safety, according to the MTQUA. The full list and report are available at <http://bit.ly/7z8UHO>.

Some leading hospitals such as Bumrungrad International (bumrungrad.com) in Bangkok didn't make the top of the MTQUA list due to geo-political or economic concerns in their countries that would trouble independent medical travelers. Bangkok has previously experienced airport closures and severe traffic disruptions, not the best situation for a traveling patient.

MTQUA created this list to help steer international patients to the best care available for them. “If you can't get as good or better care abroad than you can at home, you may as well stay home,” says Munro.

This recognition has been given to the hospitals based on MTQUA's strict assessment criteria and evaluation without any influence or remuneration from the hospitals.

About Medical Travel and Health Tourism Quality Alliance: MTQUA (mtqua.org) promotes standards and practices, and provides training and workshops in all aspects of medical travelers' continuum of care. MTQUA's advisory panel belong to Harvard and Johns Hopkins affiliated hospitals and established medical tourism companies. Founder Julie Munro is a noted medical tourism expert and CEO of [InterMed Global](http://InterMedGlobal.com) (InterMedGlobal.com) who, in 2003, founded [Cosmetic Surgery Travel](http://CosmeticSurgeryTravel.com) (CosmeticSurgeryTravel.com).

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