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## **MTQUA Announces the 2017 Top 10 World's Best Hospitals for Medical Tourists™**

March 8, 2017 – Berlin – A German hospital is the world's top hospital for medical tourists according to medical tourism industry leader Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA).

*Germany's Asklepios Klinik Barmbek tops the MTQUA Top 10 list of the World's Best Hospitals for Medical Tourists™ followed by Clemenceau Medical Center in Beirut and Fortis Hospital Bannerghatta in Bangalore.*

“[Asklepios Klinik Barmbek](#), our Number One choice, is outstanding as a hospital for medical tourists,” said Julie Munro, president of MTQUA. “It's developed great partnerships with a few outside agencies and that teamwork is of enormous benefit to medical travelers.”



Hamburg's Asklepios Klinik Barmbek has a dedicated and professional team that works with care managers and coordinators from independent medical travel facilitator agencies. These selected agencies work closely with the hospital to ensure proper planning and preparation, in-patient support, and follow up care for every medical traveler, according to MTQUA.

Asklepios management fully supports the international patient team. Throughout the evaluation process, hospital staff have been responsive to addressing patient rights concerns and taking responsibility for achieving the best outcomes for each medical traveler.

“The medical tourism industry is changing, and medical tourists finally have excellent choices for treatment and care,” said Ms. Munro, in making the announcement today at

ITB Berlin, the world's largest travel trade fair. "Hospitals have to raise their standards and pay attention to the special needs of medical travelers, or they'll lose business to the ones that do."

The 2017 Top 10 list of the World's Best Hospitals for Medical Tourists™ for the first time ranks two hospitals in the Middle East, [Clemenceau Medical Center](#) in Beirut, and the [Specialty Hospital](#) in Amman. Specialty Hospital makes the Top 10 list for the first time, as does Thailand's Samitivej Hospital. Hospitals in Turkey, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada and Mexico complete the list.

The full list, rankings, and hospital profiles can be found at <https://worldsbesthospitals.net>

MTQUA reviews hospitals in Asia, Middle East, Europe and the Americas for excellence in treating and caring for medical tourists from around the world. Medical tourists come from all countries and travel around the world to get the best medical attention they can afford. Some may want to get treatment in a 5-star environment from 5-star doctors; others may care less about the environment but want 5-star treatment and 5-star care appropriate to their needs.

The MTQUA team conducts site visits and selects hospitals based on the quality of medical treatment and on several non-clinical factors including quality of care, communications, marketing, value for money, cultural and social sensitivity, privacy, safety, and leadership support of medical tourism.

**Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA, <https://www.mtqua.org>)**, an independent international organization founded in 2009 to promote the special safety and quality needs in treatment and care of medical tourists, publishes the Top 10 World's Best Hospitals For Medical Tourists™ and Best Practices in Medical Tourism. Medical tourism certification from MTQUA is the only global certification program for hospitals, clinics, agencies, and related services and providers.

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