

Health Care in the US and India

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The level of health care access in India is higher and better than in the United States. Even though the US enjoys a comparative advantage in access to expertise and health care practices, India has quality care of health. India is prone to diseases, and here a bigger number of population is seeking medical attention than the US, due to poor health habits and practices. At the same time, India enjoys high technological advancements in matters of health care that are at par with the US making the Indian health care practices competitive. This paper compares the health care system of the United States with that of India in terms of health care quality, access, and cost.

In matters of equipment and quality of hospitals, the US is much ahead of India. This is because of the US government spending a lot of money on the equipment of hospitals. Further, the US healthcare system has a better doctor-patient ratio than India, which has a vast population. However, the cost of accessing health care in the United States is more expensive than in India as the costs of health care in US are almost ten times more. This offers a challenge to many families as they have to ensure that they have health insurance policies (Govindarajan, & Ramamurti, 2018). Many citizens in India do not have insurance policies, and thus, they attend the ordinary hospitals which are faced by challenges such as lack of enough doctors. However, the medium level hospitals in India are owned by the private sector.

In conclusion, in many urban areas in India, most of the population visits private hospitals frequently for medical attention as the public ones have more patients than their capacity. Even then, these hospitals are comparatively cheaper than those in US. According to Block (2018), this has resulted in a migration of about 300, 000 US citizens annually to India seeking medical care as the cost of health care in India is lower.

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