

## Top Medical Tourism Destination Hospital Angeles Tijuana Announces JCI Accreditation Program

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Angeles Health International

***Angeles Health International, the medical travel division for the largest private hospital network in Mexico featuring state-of-the-art facilities and the most advanced medical technology available today, has announced the kick-off of its Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation program, working with the Phoenix Consulting Group.***

***Online PR News – 27-May-2010*** JCI is the international division of Joint Commission Resources, a not-for-profit organization that establishes standards and resources for hospital's to improve quality of care and patient safety. It is part of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre, a collaborative effort with WHO dedicated to patient safety solutions.

"JCI accreditation of Hospital Angeles network of hospitals is an important step for our Angeles Health International [Medical Travel](#) program," says Paulo Yberri, the Director of Hospital Angeles Tijuana. "In the past three and a half years, Angeles Hospitals have worked with more than 6,000 medial travelers from the US, Canada, and Europe," says Yberri. "JCI Accreditation will add to the reassurance factor so important to the medical travel process."

Yberri notes that Hospital Angeles Tijuana is the first hospital in the Angeles network scheduled to receive its JCI Accreditation. "The JCI Accreditation program will prioritize the Angeles hospitals most often selected by medical travel patients because of their convenient locations," says Yberri.

"Hospital Angeles Guadalajara already serves an ex-pat community of more than 30,000 Americans," notes Yberri. "In addition to relying on Hospital Angeles for their primary medical and surgical care needs, this community of American retirees consistently refers friends and family to Hospital Angeles for the high quality medical care, particularly in the areas of cardiovascular and orthopedic surgery."

Yberri indicates Hospital Angeles Lomas and Hospital Angeles Perdregal (both in Mexico City) and Hospital Angeles Puebla round out the top priority facilities for the Hospital Angeles JCI accreditation.

Not all international hospitals seek JCI accreditation, and the lack of JCI accreditation is not an indicator of a lack of quality for a medical care facility. However, JCI accreditation demonstrates to patients a hospital's acceptable compliance with specific standards in ambulatory care, care continuum, clinical laboratory, disease- or condition-specific care certification, and medical transport, as well as an overall compliance with

International Patient Safety Goal requirements. For patients seeking medical care abroad, the JCI accreditation provides a third party quantifiable measure of the standard of care at an otherwise unfamiliar hospital.

According to executives quoted on the JCI website, accreditation is now being looked upon by insurers, government and nongovernment agencies, and global employers as a way to gauge whether a healthcare organization is a safe one for their constituents such as [Medical Tourism](#) patients.

Medical tourism continues to garner considerable attention as a growing number of U.S. employers, consumers, insurers, TPAs and explore cost effective health care options for their organizations. Experts currently estimate the size of the medical tourism market to reach \$100 Billion by 2012.

“We’re pleased to see the Angeles hospital network take this step,” says Herb Stephens, CEO of Health Travel Technologies, which licenses its medical travel platform to the Angeles Hospital system’s medical travel division, Angeles Health International. “The JCI accreditation is relevant to the decision-making process of medical travelers, Researching an international hospital can be a difficult and confusing process. JCI standards are held by many to be objective evidence of a hospital’s quality of medical care and general professional competence. JCI accreditation of Angeles hospitals is a big win for patients who might otherwise not have learned of the quality of the Angeles medical care.”

JCI has accredited more than 300 public and private health organizations in 39 countries.

#### About Angeles Health International

the Grupo Angeles network of hospitals is the largest private hospital network in Mexico, with twenty-two Hospitals throughout Mexico, and \$700 million currently invested to build an additional twelve facilities over the next five years. Grupo Angeles hospitals are full-service, offering a range of specialties such as [bariatric surgery](#), hip replacement and resurfacing, noninvasive lumbar stabilization, kidney transplant and adult autologous stem cell therapies. Facilities feature state-of-the art operating rooms, ICU care, and diagnostic services, including globally renowned board-certified medical and surgical physicians and surgeons.

Hospitals in the Grupo Angeles network are modern, offering upscale accommodations such as master suites that cater to the international patient population. Patients experience a full-service, fluently bi-lingual medical and healthcare environment, featuring dedicated units for every level of patient services, from neonatal to intermediate to emergency and intensive care.

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