

Fate can often take an unexpected turn in our lives; the costings of these are often underestimated both financially and more importantly emotionally. One thing none of us want to experience is the financial implications when our focus should be on recovering or taking care of our loved ones who are ill. The following are actual costs charged for in-patient and would exclude the costs of out-patient reviews, medication and consultations and if incurred in this financial year would be approximately 9.5% higher due to the costs of international medical inflation:-

Africa - Work related injury £ 72,000
Asia - Motor Vehicle £ 108,000
Canada - Cancer £ 123,500
Dubai - Cancer £ 97,200
France - Cancer £ 75,000
Germany - Cancer £ 65,700
Greece - Cancer £ 157,000
Jordan - Cancer £ 188,000
Middle East - Back related £ 40,000
UK - Digestive £ 85,000
UK - Cancer £ 175,000
USA - Cancer £ 350,000

The above costs can often be higher as there are often not only the in-patient medical costs but also the moving of patients to areas where appropriate medical services are available. Air Ambulance costs are variable and are very dependent on location, availability of air craft and medical personnel who have the life saving skills needed to treat a patient in transit. The first hours of intervention are often referred to the 'golden hours' as it is during this time that the ultimate recovery and long term outcome is determined. Some costs for an evacuation service:-

From Africa £ 91,000
From Bali £ 17,000
From Seychelles £41,000
From Zambia £ 17,000

Looking at the implications of the above can any of us working or living abroad really afford to take the risk?