
Hip Replacement Surgery Cost Guide – Procedure Cost Breakdown, Tips To Select Hospital

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Introduction

[Hip replacement surgery](#) is a popular orthopedic procedure. According to the estimates, the number of hip replacement surgeries conducted have doubled between the years 2000 and 2010. There are a number of reasons that can be held responsible for this.

Earlier, doctors advised only the aged and the elderly with hip injuries or osteoarthritis to undergo hip replacement surgery for improved mobility and quality of life. However, it is now being observed that an increased number of younger individuals are also undergoing hip replacement nowadays. This explains the drastic spike in the number of surgeries that doctors conduct in a year.

Early onset of osteoarthritis due to lifestyle factors, childhood disorders related to the hip, and sports injuries are some of the leading factors that explain the increasing incidence of hip replacement surgeries. Unlike knee replacement surgery that people often end up delaying, hip replacement is a critical procedure that cannot be delayed, no matter what the age of the patient is. A hip injury can severely affect the quality of life of an individual. Therefore, doctors advise such individuals to be open to the surgery, irrespective of how old or young they are.



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Over the period of last few years, the cost of hip replacement surgery has become more affordable. Additionally, this procedure is now being covered by a majority of the insurance schemes and policies. Nonetheless, many patients travel to another country for hip replacement surgery for reasons such as better quality of treatment and affordability. The hip replacement surgery cost is one of the main considerations of people who do not have an insurance.

The Average Cost of Hip Replacement: Top Countries

The following table highlights the average cost of hip replacement surgery in some of the top medical tourism destinations in the world:

The average cost of hip replacement surgery in the Western countries may start from \$39,000. Further, the hip replacement cost greatly varies from one city to another within the same country. In some cities in the US, the total hip replacement surgery cost can go as high as \$120,000 or more.

Country	Cost (single hip)	Cost (both hips)
India	\$6000	\$9500
Thailand	\$8650	\$14000
South Korea	\$15999	\$18000
Hungary	\$19700	\$20800
UAE	\$19000	\$34900
Poland	\$5800	\$9000
Turkey	\$9000	\$14500
Singapore	\$15900	\$20000

Cost of Hip Replacement in India

The average cost of hip replacement surgery in India starts from approximately \$6000. Medical tourism is a booming industry in India with patients from across the world visiting world-class health facilities in the country. With that said, the cost of full hip replacement surgery in India, along with the aftercare provided by the hospital, and the treatment expertise of the specialist is one of the best in the world.

The total of hip replacement cost in India and other expenses such as accommodation, follow-up cost, and other logistics turn out to be much less than half of what it costs in other popular medical tourism destinations, including Israel, Switzerland, Germany, Singapore, and the US.

Cost of Hip Replacement in Turkey

The total hip replacement cost in Turkey, like any other country, also depends on the cost of hip implant device. There are many types of hip implants that vary on the basis of the material, durability, and other pros and cons and the cost of each implant are different.

The average cost of hip replacement surgery in the country is less than half of what it costs in the Western countries, especially in the UK, US, and Canada. The quality of services offered, the expertise of the surgeons and other facilities in Turkey are comparable to some of the best medical tourism destinations in the world.

Cost of Hip Replacement in UAE

Hip replacement in the UAE is popularly opted by people in the Middle East and African countries, especially Nigeria and Kenya. This is because of the geographical location of the Emirates and the fact that the quality of medical services provided by some of the best JCI-certified hospitals in UAE is comparable to that of the hospitals in the Western countries.

Hip replacement cost in UAE depends on several factors and the location of the hospital is one of the biggest factors. For example, it depends on whether the hospital is in Dubai or Abu Dhabi or some other Emirate. Although the cost of hip implant device remains more or less the same across different Emirates, there is a difference in the local rules and regulations, the experience of the surgeon, and other facilities within and outside the boundaries of the hospital.

Cost of Hip Replacement in the US

The average cost of hip replacement surgery is approximately \$45000. However, hip replacement cost in the US varies hugely from one state to the other. A study conducted by a researcher at Washington University in St. Louis revealed a tenfold difference in the cost of hip replacement, ranging from \$11,100 to \$125,798.

This is despite the fact that the researcher tried to furnish similar information to all of the hospitals that he contacted. The researcher failed to understand the factors why the higher costs were higher and the lower costs were lower.

It is believed that the physician's fee, the local, state, and federal laws, and the variation in the internal charges added by individual hospitals are some of the reasons behind such a variation in the cost of full hip replacement surgery.

Cost of Hip Replacement in Australia

Hip replacement cost in Australia varied between \$19,439 and \$42,007 in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16, according to the Surgical Variance Report – Orthopaedic.

In Australia, the overall costing that the patient may have to bear primarily depends on whether they are insured or not. Even if the patient is insured, there may be some out-of-pocket expenses that they may have to bear, which may vary between \$415 and \$2900.

Because of the high cost of hip replacement surgery in the US and other countries with no proper facilities, many patients plan their medical trip to less expensive countries for this

purpose. India, Turkey, Thailand, and Dubai continue to remain some of the most popular medical tourism destinations for hip replacement surgery.

Top Factors Affecting Cost of Hip Replacement

Type, Material, and Manufacturer of Implant

There are different types of hip implants available today. The quality of the implant has improved tremendously in the last few decades. Because of the improved quality, the chances of complications arising out of implant failure, infection, and wear and tear has become next to negligible.

There are several medical device companies that manufacture hip implants. The cost of surgery, therefore, depends on whether the implant has been sourced from a company based in the country or from a manufacturer abroad.

Additionally, there are different materials of hip implants available today. Metal ball and polyethylene liners, ceramic ball and polyethylene liners, metal ball and metal liner, and ceramic ball and ceramic liner are some of the types of implants available. While the choice of implant largely depends on the condition of the patient and the doctor's recommendations, there are certain points that must be kept in mind.

The following are some of the things that should be kept in mind while selecting a hip implant:

- Will it allow for normal motion and activities?
- Will it last for at least 15 to 20 years?
- Is it a familiar brand or manufacturer?
- Does it have a good track record or used popularly for hip joint replacement?
- Does it meet your medical condition or requirements?
- Is it bio-compatible?

Type of Surgery

The total cost of hip replacement also depends on the type of hip replacement conducted. Total hip replacement surgery costs more than partial hip replacement surgery. This is not just because of the greater number of implant components used but also because of an increase in the surgeon's fees, hospitalization days, anesthesia charges, and OT charges.

Additionally, the total cost that a person has to pay for hip replacement depends on whether a single hip is being replaced or both. Bilateral hip replacement is conducted in two parts. First, the surgeons replace the hip joint on one side. After a gap of 7 to 10 days, the second side of the hip is operated upon. This has a direct impact on the length of stay at the hospital, OT charges, ICU charges, anesthesia cost, and surgeon's fees.

Expertise and Education of the Surgeon

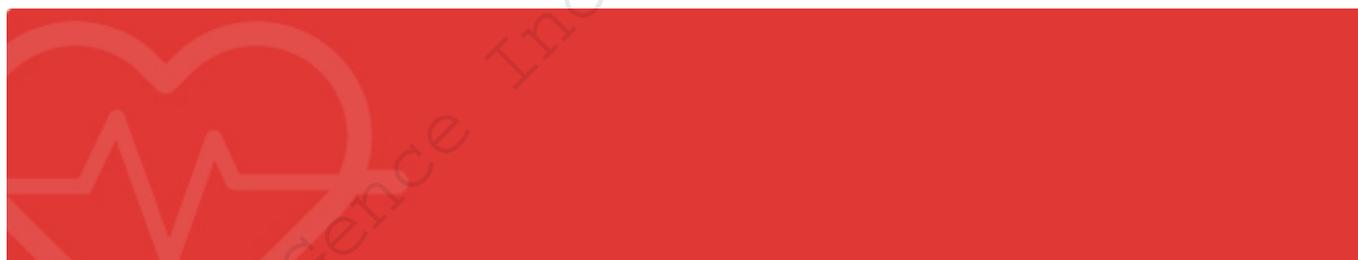
Surgeon's experience and education have a direct impact on the cost of surgery for replacement of the hip joint. The experienced the surgeon, the greater is his or her charges.

However, that does not mean that all credible, educated, and experienced surgeons charge a sky-rocketing cost for a hip replacement surgery. There are many surgeons who are educated and trained from some of the best medical institutions in the world but still offer affordable treatment services to patients. The key is to choose a trained surgeon who conducts more than at least 50 joint replacement surgeries in a year.

Type of Hospital

Treatment at a private hospital that offers world-class services and environment to patients is always costly. The increase in the number of patients deciding to travel abroad for medical treatment has led to the establishment of several hospitals that offer five-star services to the patients.

However, that does not mean that hospitals that offer three-star services to patients are not up to the mark. The key here is to look for hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI). Hospitals accredited by the JCI offer highest quality of services to the patients. Additionally, they possess some of the best and the most experienced doctors.



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Rehabilitation Cost

Rehabilitation is an important aspect of recovery after hip replacement surgery. Patients must use a walker or some form of support for a few days after the surgery. Additionally, doctors advise a few medications to relieve pain and prevent the formation of blood clots due to immobility. All these costs additional to the cost of the surgery.

Patients are also advised to attend physiotherapy sessions regularly for a speedy recovery. Each session of physiotherapy costs extra.

Incidental Costs

Like any other surgery, there are a few risks associated with hip replacement as well. Management of any complications associated with the surgery such as deep vein thrombosis,

implant failure, or an infection costs extra. The duration of hospitalization also extends in the case of complications, which again increases the total bill.

Hip Replacement Surgery Cost Itemized Breakdown

Pre-surgery Costs (Investigations)	Surgery Cost	Post-surgery Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical hip examination• X-rays• Bone mineral density (BMD)• MRI• Liver function test• Blood tests• ECG or EKG• Urine test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surgery team fees• Anesthesia charges• OT charges• Hip implants• Other consumables and medicines• Blood transfusion, if needed• ICU charges• Use of technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physiotherapist charges• Medications for pain• Other consumables such as a walker, crutches, or dressing• Hospital bed charges• Any additional service availed• Any other consultation• Complications management• Unanticipated care• Follow-up cost

Dental Examination Requirements and Pre-surgery Medications:

Before the surgery, the doctors may even conduct a dental examination to check for any oral infection. This is done to prevent post-surgical complications. Pre-surgery medications such as anticoagulants and antibiotics also form an important part of the hip replacement cost breakdown as they cost extra.

Internationally Recognized JCI-certified Hospitals For Hip Replacement

Country

Hospital

India

[Indraprastha Apollo Hospital \(Delhi NCR\)](#)

[Artemis Hospital \(Delhi NCR\)](#)

[SevenHills Hospital \(Mumbai\)](#)

	Fortis Group of Hospitals (Pan India)
Turkey	Hisar Intercontinental Hospitals
	Medicana International
	Memorial Healthcare Group
Thailand	Vejthani Hospital
	Bangkok Hospital
UAE	Zulekha Hospital (Dubai)
	Aster DM Healthcare (Dubai)
	Al Zahra Hospital (Sharjah)
	NMC Royal Hospital (Abu Dhabi)
Singapore	Gleneagles Hospital
	Parkway East Hospital
	Mount Elizabeth Hospital

Tips To Choose A Hospital Overseas For Hip Replacement

- Choose the country where you are comfortable traveling to and the one that has JCI-

certified hospitals for hip replacement.

- Choose the surgeon wisely. Do not choose someone who is experienced but charges a huge amount. There are surgeons who charge a reasonable fee but are equally qualified and experienced.
- Select a surgeon who is not too busy so that you get personalized treatment from them. Busy surgeons do not tend to spend much time with their patients.
- Seek help from a medical tourism facilitator for all your trip arrangements and hospital coordination.
- Check the reviews and credibility of the hospital and the doctor online before final selection.
- Check the accreditation of the hospital before finalizing one. Choose a hospital that is certified by Joint Commission International (JCI), yet offers affordable treatment and treatment under an experienced surgeon.
- Ask for all the information beforehand about the implant, surgery duration, and the risks involved.
- Seek an estimate for potential costs associated with airline tickets, hotel, food, and other expenses.

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