

## Medical Services



### Medical care system in Korea

Hospitals and clinics in Korea are generally equipped with the latest medical equipment, and the quality of medical service is quite high as well. With the growing international population in Korea, many medical institutions are stepping up their efforts to respond to the heightened demand for care from this community and to extend quality services to them. Some hospitals operate a 24-hr emergency medical call center offering advice and assistance over the phone and free interpretation services.

Primary Care Institutions	Providers of comprehensive medical diagnostics based on early signs of health problems - Public health centers, public health center branches, community health centers
Secondary Care Institutions	Hospitals with at least four medical departments, each with specialists providing medical care to both inpatients and outpatients and having 30-500 sick beds.
Tertiary Care Institutions	Hospitals with specialists in all medical fields that are either a general hospital or a university hospital with 500 or more sick beds.

※To get a consultation from a specialist in a tertiary care institution, a patient must have a referral from a practitioner in a primary or a secondary institution. The cost of the initial consultation is much higher for patients without a referral.



## Tip KOTRA's Investment Consulting Center

KOTRA's Investment Consulting Center offers free hospital visit accompaniment service to foreign investors and their family members. The languages supported are English and Japanese.

(Reserve by phone at least one week in advance.)

English consultant: 82-2-3497-1056, Japanese consultant: 82-2-3497-1055

# International Healthcare Center

## ■ General Hospitals (Western medicine, Oriental medicine)

- **Seoul National University Hospital International Healthcare Center**  
Tel: 82-2-2072-0505  
Reservation: by phone or on the website  
Website: [www.snuh.org/english](http://www.snuh.org/english)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, other foreign languages
- **ASAN Medical Clinic**  
Reservation: 82-2-3010-5001  
Website: [eng.amc.seoul.kr/asan/lang/eng/main.do](http://eng.amc.seoul.kr/asan/lang/eng/main.do)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
- **Samsung Medical Center**  
Tel: 82-2-3410-0200/0226  
Reservation: on the official website  
Website: [english.samsunghospital.com/main/english.do](http://english.samsunghospital.com/main/english.do)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
- **Korea Univ. Medical Center**  
Reservation: 82-2-920-5677  
Website: [www.kumc.or.kr](http://www.kumc.or.kr)  
Language: English, Chinese, Mongolian, Russian
- **Severance Hospital**  
Reservation: 82-2-2228-5800/5810  
Website: [www.yuhs.or.kr/en](http://www.yuhs.or.kr/en)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
- **KyungHee University Medical Center**  
Reservation: 82-2-958-9644/9477  
Website: [www.khuoh.or.kr](http://www.khuoh.or.kr)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian
- **Jaseng Hospital of Korean Medicine**  
Reservation: 82-2-3218-2167 (English), 82-2-3218-2106, 82-2-3218-2169 (Japanese), 82-2-3218-2177 (Russian)  
Website: [www.jaseng.co.kr](http://www.jaseng.co.kr)  
Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian

■ Women's Hospital

• Medi-i Women's Hospital

Reservation: 82-2-936-2122  
 Website: www.medi-i.com  
 Language: English

• Miz Medi Hospital

Reservation: 82-1588-2701, 82-2-3467-3814  
 Website: www.mizmedi.com  
 Language: English, Chinese, Mongolian, Russian

• CHEIL Women's Healthcare Center

Reservation: 82-2-2000-7357 (English),  
 82-2-2000-7351~2 (Chinese),  
 82-2-2000-7351 (Japanese)  
 Website: www.cheilmc.co.kr  
 Language: English, Chinese, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian

**National Health Insurance**

**1 Employee Health Insurance (Workplace Insurance)**

<Eligibility>

- The employer and employees of a workplace that hires one or more full-time workers.
- Workplaces without an employee are not eligible
- Workplaces not eligible for enrollment
  - Workplaces without a permanent address
  - Individual workplaces with no employee and only a representative
- Enrollment is mandatory for corporations, even if there are no employees and just one representative.

**2 Foreigners and Overseas Koreans' Application for Exclusion from Enrollment in Workplace Insurance**

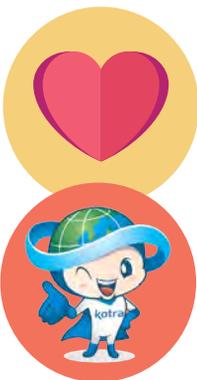
<Legal ground>

- Article 76 (5) of the Enforcement Decree of the National Health Insurance Act (Foreigners etc. to be Policyholders and their Dependents)
- Article 61 (5) of the Enforcement Rule of the same Act (Notification of Foreigners' Enrollment)
- Criteria for Overseas Koreans and Foreigners' Enrollment in National Health Insurance (Ministry of Health and Welfare Notification No. 2007-69)

**3 Health insurance for the self-employed**

<Eligibility>

Registered foreign residents (satisfying the eligibility criteria below), those who reported their place of domestic residence and those who reported their enrollment in a health insurance program.



Note	National Pension	Health Insurance
Eligibility (types of residency)	Cultural Arts (D-1), Study Abroad (D-2), Industrial Training (D-3), General Training (D-4), Journalism (D-5), Religious Affairs (D-6), Supervisory Intra-company Transfer (D-7), Corporate Investor (D-8), Trade Management (D-9), Professorship (E-1), Foreign Language Instructor (E-2), Research (E-3), Technology Transfer (E-4), Professional Employment (E-5), Arts & Performances (E-6), Special Occupation (E-7), Working Holiday (H-1), Non-professional Employment (E-9), Family Visitation (F-1), Residential (F-2), Dependent Family (F-3), Overseas Korean (F-4), Permanent Residence (F-5), Foreign Spouse (F-6)	
Documents required	- Alien registration card - Proof of income if applicable - Domestic residence report card for people of Korean descent (F-4)	- Domestic residence report card - Certificate of academic enrollment (D-2, overseas Koreans)
Date of insurance acquisition (for those who entered Korea before December 17, 2008)	Date of alien registration or date of report of domestic residence	Date of report of domestic residence
Date of insurance acquisition (for those who entered Korea on and after December 17, 2008)	3 months from the date of entry into Korea (the date of entry for those with a student or employment visa)	3 months from the date of entry into Korea (the date of entry for those with a student or employment visa)
Where to submit the application	Local branch with jurisdiction over the registered place of residence (alien registration card/ domestic residence report card)	
Application method	When submitted personally by the applicant (immediate processing) -Submission of required documents -Instant issuance of the enrollment certificate (1st month insurance contribution must be paid at the time of the issuance)	
Co-insurance of family members	The following household members of a foreign resident or an overseas Korean may be co-insured: - Eligible household members: lineal ascendants and descendants of the insured member (including children of his/her daughters), unmarried brothers and sisters, spouses of household members, lineal ascendants and descendants of the spouse of the insured member.	

\* Inquiries about the health insurance plan: 82-1577-1000, 82-2-390-2000 (English), [www.nhic.or.kr](http://www.nhic.or.kr)

## Pharmacies



In Korea, drugs like cold medicines, antacids, laxatives and vitamins can be bought over the counter at a pharmacy, without a prescription, but more specialized drugs like antibiotics and hormone pills require a prescription to purchase.

For prescription drugs, your pharmacist most often wraps pills by single doses before giving them to you. As many drugs come with no dosage or other information, you need to listen carefully to your pharmacist's instructions and ask questions. If your pharmacist can speak English, ask him/her if he/she could write it down for you.

If you have any kind of drug allergy, tell your doctor about it so that you can get the prescription that is right for you. Note also that you cannot refill your prescriptions in Korea, which means that if you need more of the same medications, you must see your doctor again for a new prescription.

※ Check the list of pharmacies that open on weekends (or all year round) at [www.pharm114.or.kr](http://www.pharm114.or.kr) (Korean only)



### ■ Website providing list of pharmacies with foreign language service

- Songpa-gu  
[ehealth.songpa.go.kr](http://ehealth.songpa.go.kr)
- Dongdaemun-gu  
[health.ddm.go.kr/eng](http://health.ddm.go.kr/eng)
- Gangnam-gu  
[health.gangnam.go.kr](http://health.gangnam.go.kr)
- Gangbuk-gu  
[www.ehealth.or.kr](http://www.ehealth.or.kr)
- Seocho-gu  
[www.seocho.go.kr](http://www.seocho.go.kr)
- Gangdong-gu  
[health.gangdong.go.kr](http://health.gangdong.go.kr)