

CENTRO MEDICO GAZCUE
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE
HOSPITAL AND CLINICS
Immuno-Oncology Department / Diagnósticos Inmuno-Oncológico

GENERAL INFORMATION
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We do not accept every patient that seeks treatment and our medical facility is a full service hospital that spares no expense in providing the highest quality patient care available.

There are four approved methods of treating cancer: Surgery, Chemotherapy, Radiation and Immunotherapy. The Medical Administrator is a British Board-Certified doctor that uses Immunotherapy. Medicines are individually approved by the FDA but are not approved in the precise mixture that is used by I.I.M.S.

A patient needs to look at the following to determine if he/she wants to receive treatment:

1. Is the patient physically able to travel or do you need an air ambulance?
2. Does the patient have health insurance coverage that does not use an HMO?
3. Does the patient have the ability to pay for treatment up front and then be reimbursed if and when the insurance company pays?

- ◆ You will speak directly to one of the physician's so that they can have a more precise evaluation of your condition.
- ◆ After discussing your case with a group of specialists, a decision is made as to whether you would be a good candidate for the therapy.
- ◆ A doctor will select the medicines and therapy's that he thinks will be needed.
- ◆ The accounting department then generates an ESTIMATE of the expected cost of treatment and 80% of this amount is due unless special arrangements are made with the I.I.M.S. accounting department. There are 5 cost levels that have shown to be generally accurate when looking at different stages of diseases. They are:

1.	General	\$ 3,000	to	6,000
2.	Level One	\$20,000	to	35,000
3.	Level Two	\$35,000	to	60,000
4.	Level Three	\$60,000	to	80,000
5.	Level Four	\$80,000 plus		

A considerable amount of expenses are incurred within the first few weeks since all medicines are purchased and set aside in your private "inventory".

Excess funds are returned to the patient at the end of the last cycle and a report of the treatment cost is given to the patient at the end of each cycle.

With this ESTIMATE in hand the patient can decide how they want to proceed. Funds can then be wired to:

BANK OF NEW YORK
ABA#021-000018
Further Credit to:
BANCO POPULAR
Flabia Berroa cta. The Raphah Group
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
Acct#56-34550-7

Once financial arrangements are completed, the receiving staff in Santo Domingo will be notified and a date will be set for your arrival. You and our staff can coordinate your travel and hotel reservations.

EXPLANATION OF FEES:

- ◆ All services are provided in a full service hospital that is accredited and licensed by the government of the Dominican Republic.
- ◆ All fees are based upon the usual and customary charges of Immunological / Oncological services in the USA, Europe, South America and the rest of the world.
- ◆ These charges are categorized by type of service such as Laboratory, Office, Consultations / Studies, Hospital Services, Therapy / Treatment, Pharmacy / Medicines and Special Services.
- ◆ A major portion of the funds are spent during the first visit because all medications and services up through the maintenance phase (60 to 90 treatments) are purchased and reserved for that patient. The Maintenance Phase is that portion of a treatment whereby the patient is moving into remission, if such is to happen.
- ◆ Treatment is done on an outpatient basis unless the condition of the patient dictates that he or she must be hospitalized. The treatment rooms are staffed with Oncological nurses and the necessary equipment needed for treatment. The I.V. treatment takes from 3 to 5 hours (average).
- ◆ Services are coded with either ICD-9 or CPT codes as mandated by the Health Insurance industry.

SERVICE**EXPLANATION**

Hospital Room

In-patient care (private or semi private suite, or special care unit)

Initial Intake Visit (New Patient)
(3 to 4 hours duration)

1. Complete history and physical at intake
Review of all previous report (CT Scans, MRI's, lab tests, etc)
3. Nursing Evaluation(Another aspect for the patient history)
4. Explain the discharge physical and follow up booklet on diet, exercise, nutrition and stress reduction.
5. Family conference with reports and additional instructions

I.V. Service

Service provided includes (1) Oncological nurse, (2) special treatment room, and (3) special equipment.

TREATMENTS

I.V. Fluids

These are the special carrier solutions, supplies and formulations tailored specifically for each patient.

MWO – Radiotherapy

This is Low Dose Radiotherapy with the addition of multiple wave oscillations that is used to treat cancer and shrink tumors pallatively.

Direct Beam Therapy

This is a powerful magnetic beam that is used for the treatment of certain kinds of malignancies.

Laser Therapy

Medium range neon laser designed specifically for tumors.

Laboratory Studies

Unless otherwise noted, all laboratory studies are specialized immuno-oncology and completed at intake. Follow ups (called partials) will be done at the beginning of each cycle with all studies being repeated prior to the maintenance phase of treatment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

Is I.I.M.S a “real”hospital?

Yes, I.I.M.S. is a modern, well equipped, accredited hospital with a full staff of doctors and nurses, many of which are bilingual. We also have a group of medical consultants from around the world that is directly involved in every patient's diagnosis and treatment.

What are the qualifications of the Medical Director at I.I.M.S.?

Dr. Caplinger is a British Board-Certified medical doctor, scientist, professor, clinical physician, author and lecturer. He is the recipient of the “Caribbean International Prize in Medicine” and the International Who's Who of Contemporary Achievement. As a child prodigy with an IQ of 210, he started taking college courses at age 11 while continuing his high school classes. He is a professor Emeritus at various universities and a Professor of Medicine. His teaching posts have included Ball State University(USA), Sussex General Hospital and School of Health Science(UK), and Utesa School of Medicine(RD).

Why haven't I heard of this protocol before now?

For the last 20 years, Dr. Caplinger has made his home in the Dominican Republic and committed himself to treat Dominicans. This is why he is licensed in the Dominican Republic and not in the U.S. The success of the Immu Stim Protocol on cancer and HIV/AIDS has spread by word of mouth and now more Europeans and Americans are seeking treatment.

What kind of diseases do you treat?

We use state-of-the-art, cutting edge treatment in the management of Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Heart Disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Lupus, Allergies, Hormonal Imbalance, weight control and aging.

Does your hospital “cure” cancer or other diseases?

No. We do, however, treat each stage of cancer to bring the patient through this crisis and into the maintenance phase. Our database of over 10,000 cancer patients (mixed cancers) shows that 82.3% have reached beyond the 5-year survival rate and/or remission.

Will my insurance company cover my treatment?

Most therapies are reimbursed by private U.S. medical insurance plans. If you have an HMO, they will NOT cover this therapy. There are deductibles that also must be met by most insurance plans also.

Do I have to stay in the hospital for treatment?

Not necessarily!. Most of our patients are successfully treated as outpatients. They choose to stay at hotels and are brought to the hospital for daily treatment. Your condition and your attending physician will determine this.

What kind of food is available in Santo Domingo?

You will find all the normal international foods as well as those that are indigenous to the area. The hotels also are an excellent source for nutritional food.

How will I get from the Airport to the Hotel and then to the Hospital?

Our transportation department that will take you from the airport to your Hotel and from the Hotel to and from the clinic for your treatments at no cost to you.

Can I legally bring my medication back into the country of my origin?

Yes. You will be leaving the hospital with a 1 – 6 months supply of your medications. These are for your use and you'll have written instructions from your doctor explaining these medicines. This is perfectly legal.

Can a member of my family or a friend accompany me to the hospital?

Absolutely. We are happy to help you arrange for a relative or friend to stay with you in your hotel room or in a separate hotel room if so desired. Only patients are allowed in the I.V. room during treatments.

What all will happen when I get ready to go home?

Before you leave the country, you will have an appointment to meet with your doctor to discuss your medications, treatment and follow up. Write down questions for your doctor and the business office so that you are fully aware of both your medications and the status of your account. The doctor will instruct you as to when you should be calling back so that he may be kept abreast of your health. The doctor will only receive your call while he is not seeing other patients, which is Monday through Friday after 7:00 p.m. EST unless you have an emergency.

General Information:

- ◆ If you do not have a passport, you will need your birth certificate and a photo I.D. (driver's license).
- ◆ Pick up a tourist card from your airline ticket agent or the tourist card desk at the Miami airport and pay a US\$10.00 per person fee. Give this paper to the officer at the exit door immediately after customs in Santo Domingo. You will pay US\$10.00 "exit" fee at the desk in front of the departure gate in Santo Domingo before you walk down to get on the plane to come back to the US.
- ◆ Stapled to your ticket "envelope" will be bar-coded stickers that will be given to a man between the luggage pick-up area and customs. This matches the bar code on your luggage from the states.
- ◆ On the flight back to Miami, you will be given an "Immigration declaration form" that needs to be filled out stating that you do not have fruits, vegetables, and over US\$10,000 in cash, etc.
- ◆ Back in Miami, you go through immigration where they stamp your passport, pick up your luggage, and go through customs; (go to the right of customs where the blue signs say "U.S. Citizens").
- ◆ Traveler's checks, USD to pesos, you should get somewhere from 13 to 15+ pesos per 1 dollar. If you buy something with dollars, they will try to give you 14 or less. Negotiating is common whenever you buy something. Items made out of silver are inexpensive compared to US.

- ◆ Visitor's usually wear sport cloths while in the Dominican Republic. Some restaurants and historical sights require slacks for men and dresses for women. Churches expect to see women in dresses and men with jackets although they will gladly accept you as you are.
- ◆ Don't forget your camera and extra film.
- ◆ If you are on the beach at night, you may want to take some good mosquito repellent. During the day you may want some sun tan oil while walking or swimming in the warm, clear, blue surf.
- ◆ The Dominicans speak Spanish, but you can always find people that speak English.

Hotel Accommodations: we will contact a laundry service that will wash your clothes at a favorable rate.

1. Hotel Plaza Naco Ph#809-541-0484 Fax#809-549-7743
 - a. Type: 5 stars. Distance to Hospital: 15 minutes.
 - b. Cost: \$35 per person per day for double occupancy. Single occupancy is \$58 per day. \$86 to \$90 per night for a Suite for two. Breakfast included.
2. Hispaniola Hotel P.O. Box 2112 Ph#809-221-1511 Fax#809-5337455
 - a. Hispaniola and Hotel Santo Domingo are directly across the street from each other and are owned by the same group. You can use the facilities of both hotels.
 - b. The cost for the Hispaniola is approximately \$45 for a single and \$72 for a double occupancy. Breakfast is included with the room cost.
3. Delta Hotel P.O.Box 1818 Ph#809-535-9722 Fax#809-5355635
 - a. Type: 3 stars Distance to Hospital: 10 minutes
 - c. Cost US\$67 per person per day for double or simple occupancy. Breakfast is included with the room cost.
4. The Ambassador Hotel P.O. Box 02-5256 Ph#221-2131 Fax#221-3251
 - a. Type: 5 stars Distance to Hospital: 10 minutes.
 - b. Cost is \$60 per person with double occupancy and \$86 each for single occupancy.
 - c. No food is included in the cost per day. A restaurant on the remises.
5. Hotel Plaza Florida Ph#809-541-4742 Fx#540-5582
 - a. Type: Apart-Hotel Distance to Hospital: 15 minutes
 - b. Cost is \$40 (approx.) per day

Travel and Transportation Arrangements:

1. American Airlines flies many flights into Santo Domingo each day. You can go to Santo Domingo via New York, Miami or Puerto Rico.
2. Commercial taxi service is the main form of transportation in Santo Domingo. We have a private taxi service that will take you to and from the clinic for your treatments at no cost to you.
3. During your stay, there will be a half-day trip to do some "sightseeing" of some of the neat things around Santo Domingo like the Colonial City. The transportation for this trip is pre-paid by us.
4. A full day at the Capella Resort on the beach for some fun in the sun will also be scheduled if you choose to stay in the city. The cost of the taxi on this trip is also covered. You will have a onetime fee to the resort that will cover all the food, drinks, beach and use of the resort facilities.
5. The taxi driver will not be paid by us for extra stops on the way to and from your hotel, additional sightseeing trips, trips to the grocery, golf or any out-of-route changes that you may request. Victor is paid to deliver you to and from your hotel. He is very willing to take you anywhere you want to go.

What to expect in Santo Domingo:

1. After you exit the plane, you will go to the VIP room of the airport where a person from the Hospital will be waiting for you with a sign with I.I.M.S on the top and your name on the bottom. Our driver and a English-speaking hostess will pick you up there and take you to your hotel. (This fee is already taken care of).

If your flight is delayed and they are not there, immediately get a taxi and have him take you to your hotel. The cost for this taxi will be about \$20 to \$45 USD and will not be covered by I.I.M.S.

Here are some numbers that you can call for help:

Mr. Víctor Cedeno
 Director of Transportation
 Beeper 478-9702
 Cellular 1-322-1941

Dra. Rosa Suero
 Administrator
 Beeper 478-9699
 Cellular

2. Either immediately after checking into your hotel, or the next day, the hostess and driver will drive you around and get you familiar with the general area of your hotel.

3. **The First Day:** Around 10:00 a.m. you will be taken to the Hospital for lab work and you will meet with the doctor's staff for the initial evaluation exam and any other studies that they feel are necessary.

3. **The Second Day:** You will be assigned to one of two I.V. groups (9:00 a.m. or 100 p.m. daily) for your treatment. There will also be other patients in the room, therefore, no family members or friend will be allowed in the room during treatments. Each treatment takes an average of 3 to 5 hours for the I.V. to finish. Some take longer. Very few patients have any side effects to the Immu Stim Protocol. You will not be sick to your stomach and loose your hair. Your energy level usually increases dramatically.
4. Dr. Caplinger's routine starts early in the morning and continues until late at night and usually into the early hours of the next day. He starts his day by treating patients at the public hospitals. Then he spends as much time as needed to review the data on patients that will be treated at 9:00 am and 2:00 p.m. He studies each patient's status every day and, depending on his workload, you may or may not see him on a daily basis but he is aware of everything that is going on with you. If a lab test shows a change, he will sit down with you'd discuss what he has found, He will review with you all data that is pertinent to you recovery – hopefully the same day he gets them back from the lab. Daily you will have an opportunity to communicate with the staff via written correspondence.

Weather – The weather is hot (85-90 degrees) and humid year round with the "cooler" season in January and February when it dips to between 75 degrees (evening) and 85 degrees (daytime).

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