METHODOLOGY

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Summary of the project – Part 1

Medical tourism is becoming increasingly common, as patients travel abroad for perceived higher-quality, faster treatment, access to procedures not available in their home countries(1), and lower treatment costs. Leading hospitals and clinics in this field build an international profile through adherence to internationally recognized accreditation schemes, focusing on clinical excellence, and providing targeted support for international patients(2).

To support informed decision-making, Statista and Newsweek have partnered to rank the **leading hospitals & clinics in medical tourism** worldwide.

This ranking encompasses **13 key destinations:**

Americas

- Brazil
- Mexico
- United States

Asia

- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Turkey

Middle East

- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates

Europe

- Germany
- Spain

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Summary of the project – Part 2

The ranking recognizes leading hospitals and clinics across **six high-demand specialty areas**. In selected specialty areas, hospitals and clinics are assessed through dedicated procedure- or disease-specific lists:

- **Bariatric Surgery:** Top 125
- **Cancer Care**
  - Breast Cancer: Top 75
  - Prostate Cancer: Top 75
- **Cardiac Care & Cardiac Surgery:** Top 175
- **Ophthalmology:** Top 175
- **Orthopedics:** Top 175
- **Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery**
  - Breast Augmentation: Top 75
  - Liposuction: Top 75
  - Rhinoplasty: Top 75

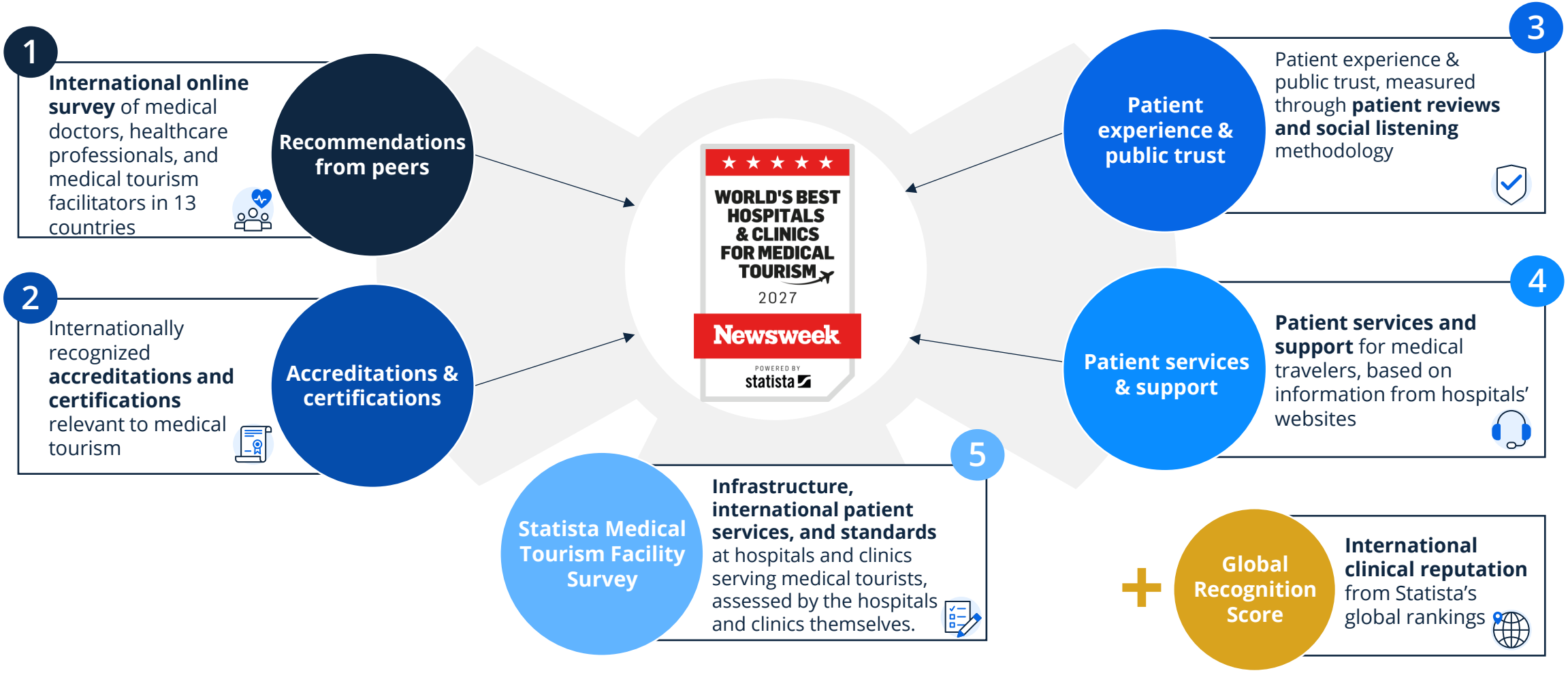
The underlying data analysis for the **Medical Tourism Performance Score** is based on **five data sources**:

1. Recommendations from peers
2. Accreditation & Certifications
3. Patient Experience & Public Trust
4. Patient Services & Support
5. Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey

The final ranking also incorporates a **Global Recognition Score,** based on Statista and Newsweek's *World's Best Hospitals* and *World's Best Specialized Hospitals* rankings.

Hospitals with expertise in multiple medical fields received separate recommendations for each specialty. As a result, a hospital could be represented in multiple rankings, based on its performance across the respective data pillars in each specialty.

Five data pillars, complemented by a global recognition score, inform the final ranking score

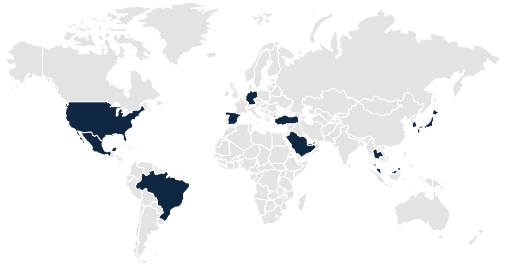


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Thousands of medical experts were invited to the survey

1 Hospital recommendations from peers

From July to August 2026, Statista conducted an international online survey of medical professionals with expertise in medical tourism (including doctors, hospital managers, and other healthcare professionals), as well as medical tourism facilitators working in the countries within scope. Participants were asked to recommend hospitals based on their expertise in their primary medical field (e.g., bariatric surgeons for bariatric surgery) and could also select an optional secondary area of expertise. The survey was available on newsweek.com



International online survey among healthcare professionals across Brazil, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.



Participants were asked to recommend and rate hospitals and clinics in **their field of expertise** on a scale of 1 to 10, including hospitals and clinics in their own country and internationally. Recommendations for their own employers/hospitals were not allowed.



Analysis of **national & international recommendations** across the different medical fields. A reputation score was assigned to each hospital based on the number of weighted recommendations. Additionally, the professional experience of the participant was considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PEERS SCORE

(1) The categories were Bariatric Surgery; Cancer Care, represented by Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer; Cardiac Care & Cardiac Surgery (including coronary interventions, cardiac catheterization procedures, electrophysiology procedures, cardiac surgery, and heart valve interventions); Ophthalmology; Orthopedics; and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, represented by breast augmentation, liposuction, and rhinoplasty.

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Accreditations and certifications were incorporated as a proxy for quality metrics within the scoring model

Accreditation Score

2 Accreditations & certifications

International accreditations and certifications relevant to medical tourism, overall hospital quality, and specific medical specialties were included (where available). These accreditations and certifications reflect a range of structural and quality standards and are important for international medical travel.

Accreditations & certifications **relevant to medical tourism**(1):

- Global Healthcare Accreditation (GHA) - *Advanced Certified Medical Travel Professional*
- Temos International Healthcare Accreditation (TIHA) - *Excellence in Medical Tourism*
- Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) – *Travel Medicine and Telehealth*

General and specialty-specific accreditations & certifications(1):

- Australian Council on Healthcare Standards International (ACHSI)
- International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC)(2)
- Planetree
- The Joint Commission (TJC) or Joint Commission International (JCI)

Accreditations specifically relevant to medical travel were assigned greater weight in the scoring model than general accreditations or accreditations limited to a single medical specialty.

Accreditations & certifications accounted for 15 % of the Medical Tourism Performance Score.

ACCREDITATION SCORE

(1) Additional information about the accreditations/certifications is available here: ACHSI, AAAHC, GHA, ISOC, Planetree, TIHA, TJC, JCI

(2) Only relevant for Orthopedics

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Publicly available patient experience data was analyzed

3 Patient Reviews

International patient reviews were used as a proxy for patient and overall treatment experience.
The analysis focuses on specialized medical tourism platforms rather than general review sites to ensure relevance.
Review data is aggregated from leading international platforms(1) including:

- WhatClinic
- MedicalTourism.review
- Bookimed

Average star ratings and review volumes were incorporated into the analysis. Ratings with more reviews, and platforms with higher overall review volumes, received greater weight. Platform-specific ratings were converted into percentage scores and aggregated into a final volume-weighted Patient Review Score.
Patient Reviews accounted for 55% of the Patient Experience & Public Trust score.

PATIENT EXPERIENCE & PUBLIC TRUST SCORE

(1) WhatClinic, MedicalTourism.review, Bookimed

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A social listening approach, tracking social media channels and web sources, was included as an additional element of the scoring model

Patient Experience & Public Trust – Social Listening

3 Social Listening

Importance of reputation for medical tourism hospitals and clinics

- A strong reputation builds trust with international patients, healthcare providers, and investors, signaling **quality, safety,** and **reliability** across borders**.**
- Positive public perception boosts engagement, fosters partnerships, and strengthens credibility in a competitive, regulated market.

Data collection via social listening

- Social listening tracks social media and web sources **to collect and categorize information** about hospitals' and clinics' reputations and attractiveness to medical tourists.

3 Assessment

Relevant terms related to medical tourism hospitals and clinics (e.g., international patient services, multilingual interpretation, and health travel packages) were defined and tested.

News sites, travel blogs, and social media were tracked over several months for the predefined terms.

Relevant posts and articles were analyzed:

- Algorithm-based text categorization: **positive, neutral, or negative sentiment**
- Document **volume** per facility, post **virality**, and **reach** (e.g., linkages, shares, and estimated readership)

PATIENT EXPERIENCE & PUBLIC TRUST SCORE(1)

(1) Social Listening accounted for 45% of the Patient Experience & Public Trust Score.

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Hospitals' and clinics' websites were analyzed to quantify international patient support services

4 Patient Services & Support

The Patient Services & Support pillar evaluates services that complement clinical treatment and support international patients throughout their medical journey. It also assesses the transparency of information on hospitals' and clinics' international patient services. Data were collected from hospitals' and clinics' official websites.

- **Remote Care & Digital Health:** Video consultations, telemedicine, remote monitoring, and digital follow-ups
- **Clinical Care Continuity:** Pre-arrival planning, post-treatment follow-up, and home-country coordination
- **Travel Logistics & Mobility:** Airport transfers, medical transport, and travel assistance
- **Visa & Administrative Support:** Visa and destination-management support
- **Accommodation & Stay:** Accommodation coordination for patients and companions
- **High-End Experiences & Concierge:** Concierge, guest, cultural, security, spiritual-care, and recovery services
- **Pricing & Packaging:** Transparent pricing, fixed-price packages, and all-inclusive options
- **Language & Communication Support:** Interpretation, translation, and multilingual care

Each subcategory was assigned equal weight within the Patient Services & Support pillar.
Patient Services & Support accounted for 5% of the Medical Tourism Performance Score.

PATIENT SERVICES & SUPPORT SCORE

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The Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey delivers direct insights from medical tourism hospitals & clinics

Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey – Part 1

5 Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey

Between July and August 2026, hospitals and clinics were invited to take part in the **Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey** to assess their structures and processes to treat international medical travelers beyond publicly available information.

As no globally standardized framework currently exists to assess hospitals and clinics serving international medical tourists, the survey provides a structured and comparable evaluation of their relevance and readiness to treat international patients.

The questionnaire[1] **covers six categories** (see next slide) and collects self-reported data on transparency, staffing, capacity, and medical tourism services.

Facilities that **participated in the Facility Survey are highlighted** in the result tables.

Future survey cycles will be announced on newsweek.com. Registrations can be submitted to: hospitals-medicaltourism@statista.com or here.

A grading system assigning specific weights to all survey questions is used to determine the Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey Score for each participating hospital.

The Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey Score accounted for 12.5% of the Medical Tourism Performance Score.

STATISTA MEDICAL TOURISM FACILITY SURVEY SCORE

(1) For an overview of the specific questions, a PDF version of the Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey can be accessed here

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Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey – Part 2

5 Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey

The table below outlines the six categories assessed in the Statista Medical Tourism Facility Survey and provides examples of the criteria considered within each category:

Category	Assessment criteria
Staffing and clinical capacity	• Dedicated international patient responsibilities • Nurse-to-patient ratio
Infrastructure and room capacity	• International patients' infrastructure • Accommodation options • On-site diagnostic and treatment capacity
International patient services	• Virtual consultations and local provider communication • Travel & logistics support • Non-medical patient services
Quality and patient safety processes	• Use of clinical outcome indicators and PROMs • Adverse events reporting system • Communication of treatment risks
International profile and price transparency	• Annual patient volume (overall & international) • Disclosure of treatment prices and payment methods
Awards and honors	• Awards, honors and/or recognitions related to medical tourism

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The Global Recognition Score reflects hospitals and clinics' recognition in Statista's World's Best Hospitals and World's Best Specialized Hospitals rankings.

Recognizing excellence beyond medical tourism performance

Global Recognition Score

The **Global Recognition Score** captures hospitals' broader international clinical standing beyond their medical tourism performance. It incorporates results from Newsweek and Statista's *World's Best Hospitals 2026* and *World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2027* rankings.

It provides an additional external indicator of general and specialty-specific clinical reputation. The Global Recognition Score accounts for 10% in specialties with a corresponding specialized-hospital ranking, and 5% otherwise, ensuring that medical tourism-specific performance remains the primary determinant of the Final Ranking Score.

Calculation

- **5%** is based on the hospital's final score in the World's Best Hospitals 2026 — **Top 250** ranking.
- **5%** is based on the hospital's final score in the relevant World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2027 specialty ranking.
- This approach recognizes institutions that combine strong international patient readiness with recognized excellence in general or specialized care.

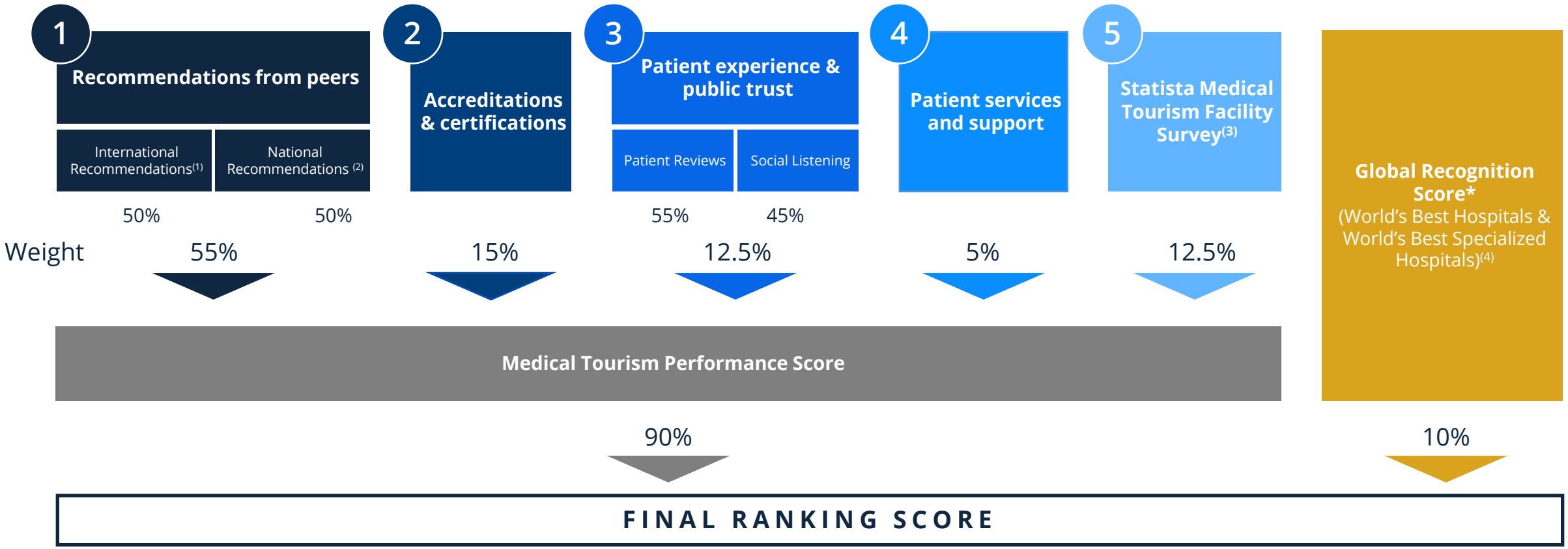
Exceptions

- For Bariatric Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, no corresponding *World's Best Specialized Hospitals* ranking was available. Therefore, the Global Recognition Score accounts for 5% of the overall Final Ranking Score, while the Medical Tourism Performance Score accounts for the remaining 95%.
- For Cardiac Care & Cardiac Surgery, the specialty-ranking component is divided equally between the *Cardiology* and *Cardiac Surgery* rankings, with each contributing 2.5% to the overall Final Ranking Score.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION SCORE

A score was calculated for each hospital and clinic

Scoring model



The Final Ranking Score combines the Medical Tourism Performance Score and the Global Recognition Score, as shown above.
*Standard weighting. For Bariatric Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Global Recognition accounts for 5% of the Final Ranking Score.

(1) Recommendations from peers within the same country
(2) Recommendations from peers in other countries included in the survey
(3) Optional score only factored in upon voluntary submission of the Statista Facility Survey

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The top hospitals and clinics in each medical field were awarded

Final rankings by specialty

Cardiac Care & Cardiac Surgery

Airplanes	Hospital	City	Country
✈✈✈✈✈	Samsung Medical Center	Seoul	South Korea
✈✈✈✈✈	Mayo Clinic - Rochester	Rochester	United States
✈✈✈✈	St. Luke's International Hospital	Chuo	Japan
✈✈✈✈	Dr. Soliman Fakeeh Hospital	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia
✈✈✈	Universitätsklinikum Erlangen	Erlangen	Germany

[...]

Bariatric Surgery

Airplanes	Hospital	City	Country
✈✈✈✈✈	Gleneagles Hospital	Singapore	Singapore
✈✈✈✈✈	Cleveland Clinic	Cleveland	United States
✈✈✈✈	Bangkok Hospital	Bangkok	Thailand
✈✈✈✈	Brigham And Women's Hospital	California	United States
✈✈✈	Hospital Sirio-Libanês	São Paulo	Brazil

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LEADING HOSPITALS AND CLINICS WERE AWARDED IN EACH SPECIALTY

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Final scores determine both overall performance and the number of airplanes awarded in recognition of excellence in medical tourism

Calculation and display

Performance Airplanes

Airplane designations reflect how hospitals and clinics performed compared with the other awarded hospitals and clinics. They should therefore be interpreted as a comparative measure within this selected group:

- **Five airplanes** were awarded to hospitals and clinics scoring **at or above the 80th percentile** in both overall performance and the recommendations from peers pillar.
- **Four airplanes** were awarded to hospitals and clinics for which **either overall performance or the recommendations from peers pillar scored at or above the 55th percentile but below the 80th percentile**.
- **Three airplanes** were awarded to hospitals and clinics that meet the list's rigorous inclusion standards based on the overall scoring model, but whose scores did not reach the percentile thresholds for four or five airplanes.

The three-tier system highlights varying levels of achievement among hospitals and clinics that have demonstrated strong performance and recognition in medical tourism.

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