

Travel Medicine: A New Assignment for the Travel Industry in Egypt

English Summary

Background: Travel medicine has emerged as a new field of medicine that involves pre-travel evaluation, contingency planning during travel, and post-travel care. Its implementation showed major discrepancies among different countries. **Aim of work:** The study aims to assess health information given to tourists or travelers, detect sources of information, and compare between Egyptian and international health services. **Methods:** This is a cross sectional analytical observational study of 397 tourists implemented on different travel destinations all over Egypt that adopts self-administrated questionnaire according to the International Travel Health Questionnaire (ITHQ) and in-depth interview with managers in Ministry of Tourism. **Results:** 17.5% of the international tourists; and none of the national tourists heard about the ITHQ; whereas, 58.9% of the international tourists and 26.8% of the local tourists take information about safety measures from different sources. **Conclusion:** There was a lack of tourists' knowledge about tourism safety measures; with no obvious role of travel agencies.

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