

Dear all,

The School of Global Health, University of Copenhagen, is hosting a debate about Medical Tourism on Thursday 26 October. The title is: ***If healthcare services in Denmark are the best in the world – why do Danes leave?***

You are cordially invited to join us for a discussion of this very under-investigated field that is experiencing a rapid growth worldwide.

Please share this event with your colleagues.

Details:

Date and time: **26 October from 14.00-16.00**

Location: **Mærsk Tower, Panum, Blegdamsvej 3B**

Event website: <http://globalhealth.ku.dk/events/2017/seminar-medical-tourism/>

Sign-up required: <http://globalhealth.ku.dk/events/2017/sign-up-medical-tourism-seminar/>

Description:

Medical tourism as a trade and market is growing at record speed worldwide and that presents challenges for patients and healthcare systems in sending and receiving countries. This debate will provide an introduction to and discussion of medical tourism as an emerging market and area that requires special attention by politicians, healthcare professionals and interdisciplinary research.

We will take a point of departure in the Danish context, where we define medical tourism as a particular form of patient mobility, where patients travel across borders to receive treatments ranging from fertility, cosmetic, dental, transplantation and elective surgeries. Treatments are of a non-acute and 'voluntary' nature.

Program:

14.00-14.05: **Welcome** by **Flemming Konradsen** (Professor and Director of SGH, University of Copenhagen).

14.05-14.15: **Introduction to Medical Tourism** by **Signe Smith Jervelund** (Associate Professor and Leader of MESU, University of Copenhagen).

14.15-14.30: **This is why I am critical towards medical tourism** by **Andreas Rudkjøbing** (MD, President of the Danish Medical Association)

14.30-14.45: **Why do migrants leave a perfect healthcare system?** by **Signe Smith Jervelund and Nathan Bertelsen** (MD and Associate Professor at Koc University and New York University)

14.45-15.00: **A Market Approach to Medical Tourism: Are we ready for New Paradigms for the Provision of Healthcare Services?** by **Mia Holstein** (Director of Welfare Policy at CEPOS & member of the Danish Ethical Council)

15.00-15.15: **The legal and ethical framework for medical tourism in Denmark** by **Ole Hartling** (MD, Senior Surgeon, former chairman of the Danish Ethical Council)

15.15-15.45: **Panel discussion** facilitated by **Flemming Konradsen**

15.45-15.55: **Sum-up** by **Flemming Konradsen**

15.55-16.30: Networking and mingling w/snacks and beverages

Best regards,
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