

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND ALLERGOLOGY IN ISRAEL

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Abstract. The provision of medical services in Israel is carried out under compulsory health insurance. Every citizen of the country must be a member of one of the health insurance schemes. All of them are obliged to provide their members with a basic basket of services, which includes the provision of medical care in the clinic and at the patient's home. Every resident of Israel, with rare exceptions, is required to pay a tax to protect his health, the amount of which depends on the income of a citizen of the country. Part of the cost of health insurance may be paid by the state. There is also a private health insurance system that covers absent medical services in the main basket. Like any healthcare system, in Israel it has its advantages and disadvantages. The advantages of this system include a well-established system of social protection of citizens, care for people with disabilities and elderly people, a well-functioning primary care provider, the ability of hospitals to earn money from "medical tourists", good equipping of emergency teams, well-thought-out organization of hospital care for patients, ability to receive surgical interventions and expensive drugs paid by the state, good, albeit multi-stage, training of doctors, insurance of their professional activities, and an established system of outpatient treatment of even the most complex patients. The disadvantages of the medical care system in Israel include the great psychological and physical stress, the difficulty of working as a doctor, the shortage of a number of categories of medical workers, especially "narrow" specialists, the malfunctioning of most clinics and medical offices from mid-Friday to Sunday morning, absence of until- and postpartum patronage service, excessive short time for examining a patient, a small number of allergists with a significant number of their patients, the absence of regional allergens for diagnosis and treatment, the difficulty of consulting of "narrow" specialists, strict requirements for observing patient treatment protocols, which often interferes with the doctor's ability to quickly rebuild in complex diagnostic and therapeutic situations.

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