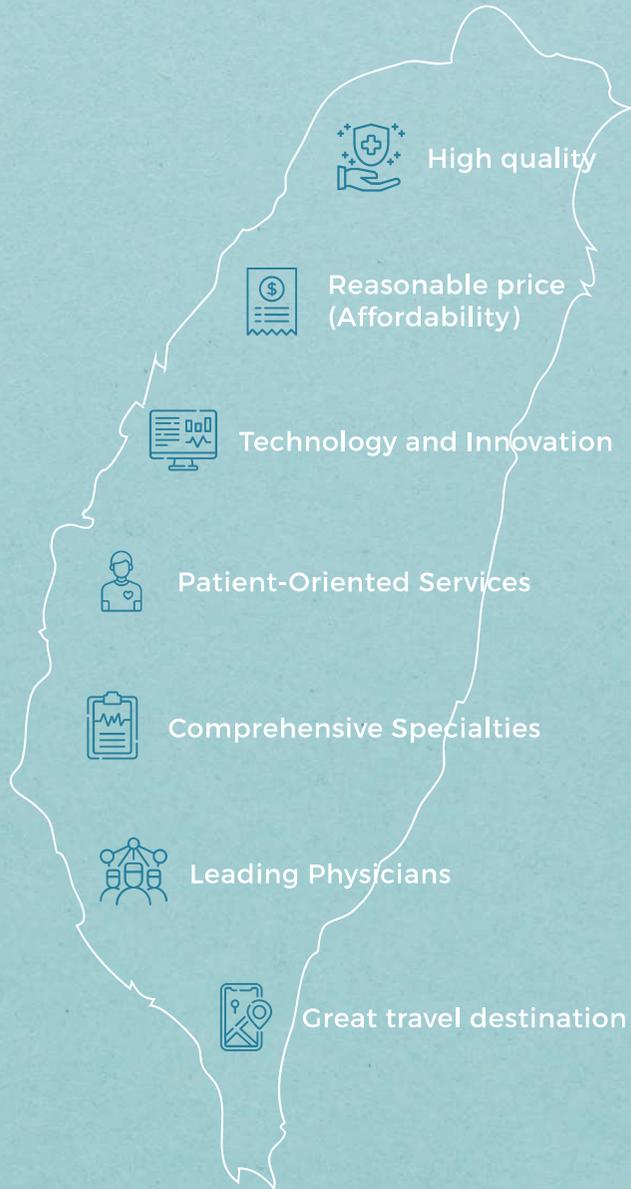
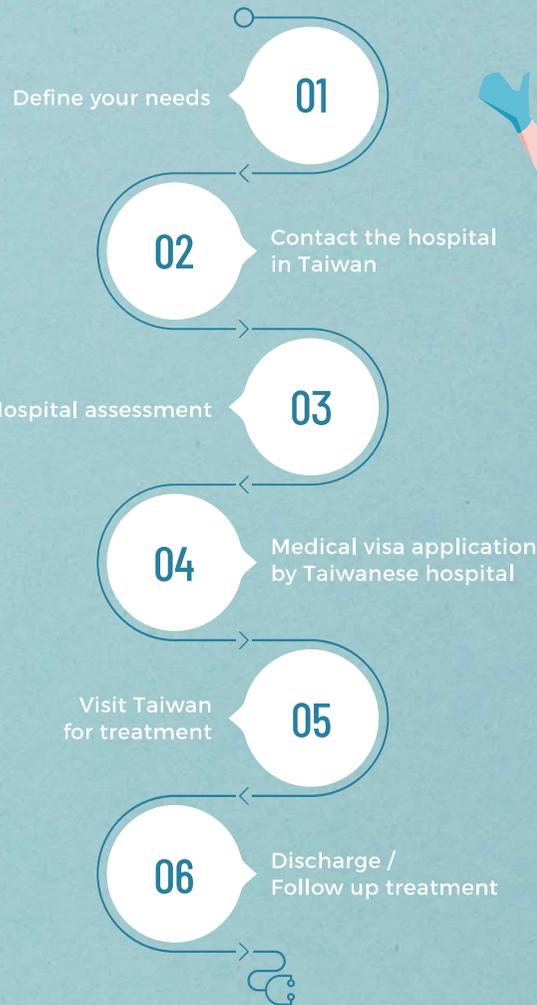


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With aging, changes in diet and physical activity habits, and increasing environmental pollution, cancer has become the second leading cause of death in the world, and it is the second killer of humans after cardiovascular diseases. According to WHO data, one in six people in the world has died of cancer. At present, the most prevalent cancers in the world are lung cancer, liver cancer, colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, and breast cancer, while the most advanced cancer treatments today are immune cell therapy and proton therapy.

Autoimmune cell therapy has become a mainstream therapy and is regarded as a new hope by cancer fighters around the world.

Autoimmune cell therapy is a treatment method in which immune cells are taken out of a patient's body, cultured and expanded to enhance his/her ability to fight cancer cells, and then infused back into the patient's body. This therapy has shown significant clinical results in recent years. With Taiwan already leading the world in related biomedical technology and conditionally opening up the use of low-risk, safety-determinable cell therapy technologies in clinical treatment cases that meet the indications in accordance with amendments made to the "Regulations Governing the Application of Specific Medical Techniques and Medical Devices" by the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) in 2018, the development of cell therapy has accelerated and cell therapy centers in major Taiwanese hospitals have mushroomed, thereby giving new hope to cancer patients at home and abroad who are actively seeking treatment.

Through advanced technology and great medical care, Taiwan offering Proton Therapy to save more lives.

As a medically advanced nation, Taiwan certainly does not lag behind in the development of proton therapy technology. In 2015, Taiwan opened its first ever proton and radiotherapy center, which is also the largest proton center in Asia. It became the first country in Asia to use "pencil beam scanning," which not only reduces the potential need of inserting nasogastric tubes in cancer patients, but also reduces the weight loss in patients by 20 percent, and shortens the cancer patients' recovery time from acute side effects by approximately 33 to 83 percent, thereby improving the overall quality of life during cancer treatment.

60 hospitals have successfully obtained accreditation through the Cancer Care Quality Accreditation Program launched in Taiwan

Taiwan completed the "Cancer Care Quality Accreditation Assessment Standards" in 2006 and officially implemented the Cancer Care Quality Accreditation System in 2008, thereby assisting hospitals with over 500 newly diagnosed cancer cases to establish a "patient-centered" cancer treatment process, including the establishment of a cancer care framework, diagnosis and treatment model, psychological care consultation services, and a palliative care model. At present, 60 hospitals have successfully obtained accreditation and are taking care of over 80 percent of cancer patients in Taiwan. According to statistics, the five-year survival rate of cancer patients in Taiwan is 73 percent, which is better than the average of 67 percent in Europe and the US.

Reasonably priced cancer treatment attracts overseas patients to seek treatment in Taiwan

According to past studies, the cost of treatment is a major obstacle for people to go to hospitals to seek treatment for diseases. When it comes to cancer treatment, one of the things that patients care most about is the cost of treatment. Fortunately, the cost of cancer treatment in Taiwan is lower than that in other countries, thereby attracting a lot of overseas patients to seek treatment in Taiwan. Taking proton therapy as an example, it only costs NT\$600,000 to undergo each course of treatment in Taiwan, which is 40 to 75 percent cheaper than the cost incurred in Europe and the US (between NT\$800,000 and NT\$1,500,000).



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