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Health Care of the US vs. Costa Rica

While in Costa Rica, I got to experience with my peers a beautiful country, a unique culture, and meet interesting people. Unlike my peers, however, I was given an additional experience in this country: The healthcare industry.

My injury happened suddenly, with my ankle rolling as I stepped down into a rocky unpaved parking lot. The diagnosis in Costa Rica was a high ankle sprain, which was confirmed back in the United States and a break in my foot and ligament tear were also found after further examination. Although I am grateful for the things provided to me by the Costa Rican health care system while I was there, I am glad I got to receive examination back in the United States. It is easy to say the United States has a more advanced healthcare system, but there are pros and cons in the industries of both the US and Costa Rica.

**Pros:**

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| United States | Costa Rica |
| * X-Ray systems in every city
* Plethora of medical supplies
* Coverage with Insurance
* Specialized Facilities
 | * Medic in all regions
* Universal Healthcare
* Pharmacies with medicine and supplies in all regions
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**Cons:**

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| United States | Costa Rica |
| * Expensive Insurance
* High uninsured rate
* Care changes based on laws passed
* Many private companies controlling medicine costs
 | * Hospitals are spread sparsely in the country
* Pharmacies not always in stock
* Free check ups abused by immigrants
* Certain facilities not always available
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