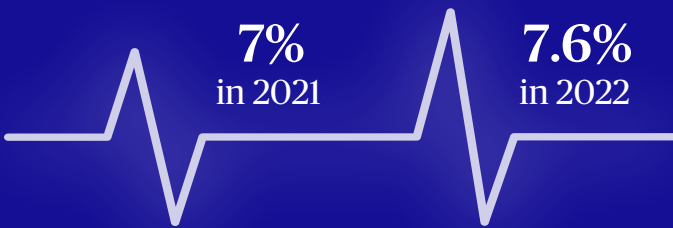


Rising Medical Costs in Asia Pacific

Sixty-four percent of insurers expect medical costs to be higher or significantly higher over the next three years. While cancer is the primary contributing factor for the high medical costs, musculoskeletal disorders now occupy the top spot for high incidences of medical claims.¹

Medical Trend Rates²



Malaysia

16.2%



Philippines

14.4%



Thailand

9.2%



Vietnam

9%



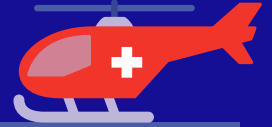
Singapore

9%



China

8.3%



HOSPITAL



Hong Kong SAR

8.2%



Indonesia

7.4%



New Zealand

6.9%



Taiwan

6.8%



Australia

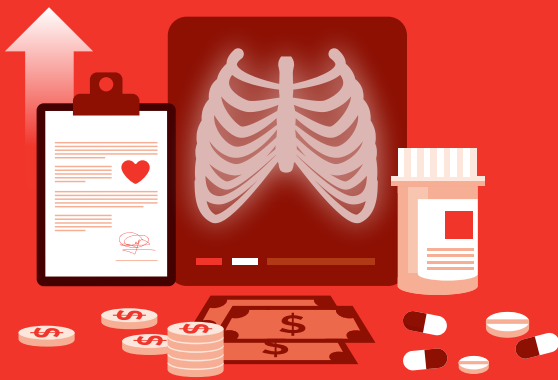
4.3%



South Korea

2.7%

What are the key factors driving up medical costs?



Overuse of care can be caused by medical practitioners recommending too many services or overprescribing. Alternatively, it can be caused by insureds seeking more care.³

Spike in Mental Health and Telehealth Services⁴



More than 50% of the survey respondents in Asia Pacific indicated a higher or much higher utilization of such services which may also be a contributing factor.⁵

Leading Medical Conditions in APAC⁶



Cardiovascular

Cancer/
Tumor Growth

ENT/
Lung Disorder/
Respiratory

Diabetes

Musculoskeletal/
Back

Leading Risk Factors in APAC⁷



High Blood
Pressure

Physical
Inactivity

Poor Stress
Management

High
Cholesterol

Ageing

NOTES

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