

## Health Care

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### St. Maarten Hospitals

There is one hospital on each side of the island. Factors that would play a role to select which hospital to visit depend on: Where you are located on the island, how urgent your case is, if you are a EU citizen or not, if you have private insurance and what medical specialized help you need.

On the Dutch side to be admitted if you are not a citizen of the Dutch side and have no local social security card (SVB) you have to pay upfront before they will help you. That would mean to bring your credit card. I had a bee sting and got frightened and went to see emergency, I had to pay \$100 deposit before a doctor could look at me, after I got an injection in my \*\*\* and went back to see if I would get any change, no, this case was \$100. So be prepared.

If you have particular questions for this section send me an email and I will get the answers for you from the hospitals themselves.

If I am not mistaken, if you are a EU citizen on the French side hospital the emergency medical care is free.

### Medicines

Prescription medication is supposed to be 50-80% cheaper than in the USA. There are plenty pharmacies on both sides of the island. Just ask around.

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