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Abstract:

Background and Objectives: Medical tourism is increasingly popular for elective cosmetic surgical procedures. However, medical tourism has been accompanied by reports of post-surgical infections due to rapidly growing mycobacteria (RGM). We now describe our experience working with patients with RGM infections who have returned to the United States after traveling abroad for cosmetic surgical procedures.

Methods: Patients who developed RGM infections after undergoing cosmetic surgeries abroad and who presented at Montefiore Medical Center (Bronx, New York, USA) between August 2015 and June 2016 were identified. A review of patient medical records was performed.

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