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Health and Health Care on Croatian Islands

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Aim. To identify specificities in health care implementation on Croatian islands, to assess standards of health care, and to point to the necessary regulation of hygienic measures for environmental protection.

Method. Health and health care on islands were compared to the national average.

Results. The differences observed suggest more favorable health status and standards on the islands as compared to mainland Croatia.

Conclusion. Geographical environment, as well as social and health needs of the island population, require a specific type of health care, whose implementation demands investment of considerably larger financial resources.

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