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Hospitals in Phuket

Where they are, emergency numbers and what it means for where you live

Where the private and public hospitals in Phuket are, the beach clinics, the emergency numbers to save, and how far each area is from a hospital.

The main hospitals in Phuket sit in and around Phuket Town. The main private hospitals are Bangkok Hospital Phuket, Bangkok Hospital Siriroj, Mission Hospital Phuket and Dibuk Hospital. Vachira Phuket Hospital is the province's main public hospital. Smaller hospitals serve Patong, Thalang and Chalong, and clinics now cover several beach areas. For anyone living here, Phuket Town, Kathu and Chalong are the closest areas to the main hospitals. The north-west beaches are a longer drive.

This guide covers where each hospital is, the numbers to save and the drive from each area. It is not medical advice; for treatment, ask the hospital or your own doctor.

Which are the main private hospitals in Phuket?

The four private hospitals below are all on the town side of the island. Three belong to the Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (BDMS) group, which runs the Bangkok Hospital network.

Hospital	Type	Where it is	Main number
Bangkok Hospital Phuket	Private, BDMS	Hongyok Utis Road, Phuket Town	076 254 425
Bangkok Hospital Siriroj	Private, BDMS	44 Chalermprakiat Ror 9 Road (the bypass road), Wichit, next to Big C	076 361 888; emergency 076 210 935
Mission Hospital Phuket	Private	4/1 Thepkasattri Road, Ratsada	076 237 220
Dibuk Hospital	Private, BDMS, managed by Bangkok Hospital Phuket	89/8-9 Moo 2 Chao Fa West Road, Wichit	076 298 298
Vachira Phuket Hospital	Public, Ministry of Public Health regional hospital	353 Yaowarat Road, Phuket Town	See the hospital's website

Bangkok Hospital Siriroj began in 1982 as a small community hospital founded by Phuket locals. It was known in earlier years as Phuket International Hospital and then Siriroj International Hospital, and it is now part of BDMS. Dibuk Hospital opened in May 2014. Its own site says it operates under the quality and safety oversight of Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

Mission Hospital's address is on Thepkasattri Road, which is the island's main north-south road. That road also gives its name to a subdistrict in Thalang, about 16 km away, so check the full address before you drive.

What is the main public hospital in Phuket?

Vachira Phuket Hospital, on Yaowarat Road in Phuket Town, is the province's main public hospital. The Ministry of Public Health classifies it as a regional hospital, and it has 551 beds. It opened in 1920, replacing Phuket's first hospital, built in 1906 on Komarapat Road.

Three smaller hospitals serve other parts of the island. Patong Hospital is the public hospital in Patong. Thalang Hospital, a government hospital, is on Thepkasattri Road in central Thalang. Chalong Hospital is a community hospital serving the Chalong area.

Are there clinics near the beaches?

Yes. The Bangkok Hospital group in Phuket, part of BDMS, runs a network of Bangkok Phuket Clinics, officially launched in February 2026. They handle everyday care. Admissions go through the hospitals. The network lists six services: consultation, general treatment, injections, wound care, blood tests and medical certificates.

Clinic	Hours (daily)	Phone
Laguna	9.00 to 18.00	061 172 2550
Kamala	9.00 to 20.00	093 576 7070
Rawai	8.00 to 20.00	080 272 2622
Srisunthon	8.00 to 20.00	064 915 7992
Mai Khao	9.00 to 18.00	096 643 4631
Phuket International Airport	8.00 to 20.00	094 051 6841

A seventh branch is at Khao Lak, on the mainland. Independent clinics and pharmacies sit in the beach towns too; Boat Lagoon's marina village has dental and skin clinics and a pharmacy. Confirm hours before you rely on any clinic.

Which areas of Phuket are closest to a hospital?

Phuket Town, Kathu and Chalong are closest to the main hospitals. The figures below are taken from my area guides. They are road distances with rough drive times outside peak hours, so allow more at rush hour and in the rain.

Area	Hospitals and distance by road
Phuket Town (from Thalang Road)	Vachira about 2 km, Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 3 km, Mission about 3.5 km; each under ten minutes
Kathu (from the Kathu Shrine)	Bangkok Hospital Phuket and Siriroj both about 5 km; Vachira and Mission 6 to 7 km
Chalong (from the circle)	Siriroj about 11 km, Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 13 km; both about 15 minutes
Koh Kaew (from the marinas)	Mission about 7 km, about 10 minutes; Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 9 km, about 15 minutes
Cape Panwa	Vachira about 13 km; Bangkok Hospital Phuket, Siriroj and Mission 14 to 15 km, about 20 minutes
Kata	Siriroj about 16 km and Vachira about 16.5 km, 20 to 25 minutes; Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 17.5 km
Rawai (from the beach)	Vachira 17 km, Bangkok Hospital Phuket 18 km; each about 20 minutes
Kalim	Patong Hospital 2.5 km; Bangkok Hospital Phuket 11 km, about 15 minutes
Laguna	Private healthcare 25 to 30 minutes
Si Sunthon	Thalang Hospital about 10 km, around 15 minutes; Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 15 km, around 25 minutes
Nai Yang	Thalang Hospital about 13 km, around 20 minutes; Bangkok Hospital Phuket about 30 km, around 40 minutes
Mai Khao	Thalang Hospital 17 to 22 km, about 25 minutes; Bangkok Hospital Phuket 34 to 39 km, 45 to 50 minutes

The private hospitals and Vachira sit close together on the town side, which is why Kathu has four hospitals within about 7 km. The far north has Thalang Hospital on the main road and clinics at Mai Khao and the airport. The private hospitals are 40 minutes or more south.

Patong has its own government hospital, and Bangkok Hospital Phuket is around twenty minutes east over the hill. From Bang Tao, Cherng Talay and Layan, private healthcare is a comfortable drive south. From Surin, the main private hospitals are a longer drive across the island. Coconut Island adds a boat crossing to the 15 minutes from Laem Hin Pier to Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

What does JCI accreditation mean?

JCI is Joint Commission International, a US-based body that accredits hospitals on quality of care, patient safety and hospital management. Bangkok Hospital Phuket's own site describes it in those terms. Each accreditation period it lists covers three years.

- **Bangkok Hospital Phuket** says it first achieved JCI accreditation in 2009 and lists its sixth cycle as 2025 to 2028.
- **Bangkok Hospital Siriroj** says it is JCI accredited. Its site also lists CAMTS Global re-accreditation of its emergency medical transport for 2025 to 2028.
- **Dibuk Hospital** says it holds Thailand's Hospital Accreditation (HA) certification.

I have listed only what each hospital states on its own website. I could not confirm accreditation on the others' own sites, which does not mean they lack it; ask the hospital. Accreditation says a hospital has been assessed against a standard. Which hospital suits a treatment is a question for a doctor.

What are the emergency numbers in Phuket?

The national ambulance number is 1669. The UK government's travel advice gives 191 for police and general emergencies, 199 for fire and 1155 for the Tourist Police.

- **1669:** ambulance and emergency medical service.
- **191:** police, and the general emergency line.
- **199:** fire.
- **1155:** Tourist Police, for foreign visitors.
- **1719:** the Bangkok Hospital group in Phuket's own 24-hour hotline, listed on its clinic pages.

The private hospitals also publish direct numbers. Bangkok Hospital Siriroj lists 076 210 935 for its 24-hour emergency centre. Bangkok Hospital Phuket's trauma centre is open 24 hours a day with standby ambulances, on 076 254 425 ext. 1060 to 1062. Dibuk Hospital's emergency department is open 24 hours, on 076 298 298. Save the numbers for the hospital nearest your home before you need them.

Do you need health insurance to live in Phuket?

Health cover is something you arrange yourself, before you need it. The UK government's travel advice says all hospitals in Thailand require a guarantee of payment before treating patients. It also advises contacting your insurer if you are involved in a serious incident or emergency abroad.

Some visas make insurance a condition. The Royal Thai Embassy in Madrid, for example, lists cover of USD 100,000 or ฿3,000,000 for the one-year Non-Immigrant O-A visa. Rules differ by visa and change over time, so check yours with the embassy issuing it or the immigration office. The visa routes buyers use are in my visa guide, and published premium ranges are in the cost of living piece. For the policy itself, speak to a licensed insurance adviser.

How should hospitals affect where you buy in Phuket?

For a full-time resident, the drive to a hospital belongs on the same list as the school run and the airport. Test it at the hour you would actually make it, because the distances above are outside peak hours.

Phuket Town has three hospitals within about 3.5 km of the Old Town, but no beach. The stock there is mostly condos, townhouses and shophouses. A foreign buyer can own a condo freehold within the 49% foreign quota (Condominium Act, section 19 bis). The purchase funds must be brought in as foreign currency. Villas and land are held on a registered lease of up to 30 years. Pre-agreed renewals are not enforceable as a right, per Supreme Court Judgment 4655/2566; the detail is in my 30-year lease guide.

Kathu and Chalong suit a buyer who wants hospitals and schools close and accepts the beach as a drive. Bang Tao, Laguna and Surin trade a longer hospital run for the beach, with a clinic at Laguna and Kamala for everyday care. The north suits people who fly often, and the trade there is the drive south. The where to live hub sets every area out side by side. If you are unsure, rent for a year first and drive the route at different hours.

If you are selling a home near the hospitals

Buyers who live here full time compare the drive to the hospitals, the schools and Central Phuket. If your home is in town, Kathu or Chalong, put those distances in the listing, measured by road. As with any sale through Butler Estates, the seller pays the fee and the buyer pays me nothing.

Hospitals in Phuket: questions people ask

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What is the emergency number for an ambulance in Phuket?

The national ambulance number is 1669, and 191 is the police and general emergency line. The Tourist Police are on 1155.

Which part of Phuket is closest to the hospitals?

Phuket Town has Vachira Phuket Hospital, Bangkok Hospital Phuket and Mission Hospital within about 3.5 km of the Old Town. Kathu has four hospitals within about 7 km, and Chalong is about 15 minutes from Bangkok Hospital Siriroj and Bangkok Hospital Phuket outside peak hours.

Is Bangkok Hospital Phuket JCI accredited?

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I would decide how close you need a hospital to be before you look at a single view. For someone retiring here, or anyone who wants the hospital close, that usually points to town, Kathu or Chalong. For a holiday home on the beach, a clinic nearby and a saved list of numbers is a fair trade for a longer drive.

Whichever you choose, the insurance is yours to arrange before you arrive.

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