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Группа: 401Ск

Специальность: Сестринское дело

Тема: Health service

Задание лекции – прочитать текст, ответить письменно на вопрос «Is the vaccination compulsory in USA? What about Russia. Express your opinion about the vaccinations»

Домашнее задание – ответить на вопросы под текстом.

An Overview of the American Health Care System

Healthcare facilities in the United States are largely privately owned. American citizens obtain health insurance through their employers, independently through private purchase, or through government-based programs. Some low-cost and cost-free health care services exist through non-profit organizations, charities, and publicly funded programs. However, international visitors should always carry their insurance when they visit the United States. The cost of treating a serious emergency can be catastrophically high.

The United States is home to some of the best hospitals and research facilities in the world. Their top treatment hospitals include the Mayo Clinic, the Cleveland Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, UCLA Medical Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital. The United States is also considered one of the best destinations in the world for cancer care, cardiac care, and orthopedic medicine.

In major cities, there's a wide range of public and private hospitals, surgery centers, urgent care clinic, and specialty clinics. In smaller communities, care options are more limited and may include everything from a county hospital, a community care clinic run by nurse practitioners, to Telehealth services.

Pharmacies, Vaccines, and Medication in America

Half of the pharmacies in the United States are independently owned small businesses. The remaining 50% are located within other facilities, including drug stores (though the terms "drugstore" and "pharmacy" are used interchangeably), clinics, grocery stores, and hospitals. A significant number of these are chain brand stores such as Walgreens and CVS.

Unlike other countries, pharmacies in the United States are often large, "one-stopshop" centers. The major chain drug stores have their own, in-house brand of over the counter medications, so if you're shopping for common pain or allergy medication, ask the pharmacy team if they have a less expensive, generic equivalent. Note that most drugstore staff are not trained in pharmacology. If you have a medical question, you have to ask the pharmacist or their assistant, not just any employee you see. Prescriptions in the United States require a "fill" time of several minutes to several hours. This is partially why pharmacies are so large. There's plenty of time to browse, complete routine shopping, and avail yourself of other, free services such as a blood pressure check.

Common, over the counter medications, are also available in most retail environments, including grocery stores and gas stations.

There are no mandatory vaccinations for travel to the United States. As with all destinations, speak with your doctor before you go to make sure your routine immunizations are up to date. Any medication brought into the United States, be it prescription or over the counter, should be in its original, labeled container.

## Questions:

- 1) Can you describe HS in Russia?
- 2) What are the differences between HS in Russia and USA?
- 3) What has been changed in USA and Russia HS after COVID-19?