

Oasis of Hope Hospital

WHAT: Oasis of Hope Hospital, one of the world's leading institutions in the research and treatment of cancer with integrative therapies, combining the best of conventional and alternative approaches

WHERE: Playas de Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, about a half-hour from the San Diego International Airport

WHEN: Founded In 1963 by Dr. Ernesto Contreras, Sr.

WHO: **Dr. Francisco Contreras**, director, president and chairman of Oasis of Hope. A distinguished oncologist and surgeon, he oversees the treatment of 800 cancer patients annually.

Daniel E. Kennedy, chief executive officer of Oasis of Hope. He oversees counseling at the hospital, developing psychological and spiritual programs for patients that complement the hospital's integrative medical therapy.

QUOTE: "Technology is a plus; human touch is vital," says Dr. Francisco Contreras.

PHILOSOPHY:

- ▶ Do the body no harm; do not compromise the patient's quality of life.
- ▶ Love your patient as yourself.

DETAILS:

- ▶ Oasis of Hope is a member of the American Hospital Association.
- ▶ The hospital has treated more than 100,000 patients.
- ▶ Sixty percent of the patients have cancer.
- ▶ Patients have come from 55 countries.
- ▶ The five-year survival rate is 40 percent, higher than in the United States, even though many of the patients come to the hospital as a last resort.
- ▶ There is only one patient in each of the 62 rooms, but there is an extra bed in each room so the patient can have a companion during therapy.

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