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The site allows overseas Indians to remotely arrange health-care appointments for loved ones back home.

The funding was led by business angels, including Indian investor Bimal Singh and Singapore-based Benjamin Tsai.

Users of the portal can also pay for the medical treatment via credit card or through online payment system PayPal.

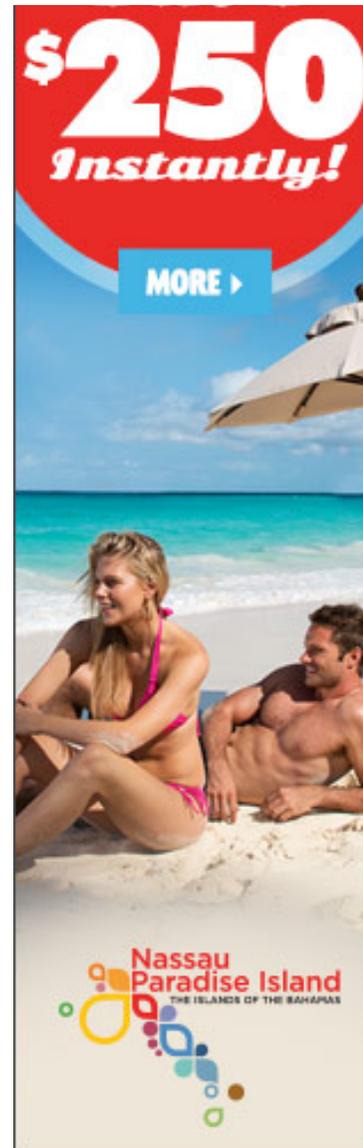
The six-month-old start-up has signed up more than 2,000 doctors and 700 hospitals in 50 cities in India.

Another key feature of the portal is electronic medical records. Doctors can key in patient information on the portal, said a media statement earlier this week. But only patients and doctors have access to the records. Patients' children or loved ones can see the records only if their parents and doctors give consent.

About 22 million overseas Indians are said to remit US\$10 billion (S\$12.7billion) to India to pay for the health care of their loved ones. But the recipients, typically ageing parents, frequently fail to make and keep medical appointments for themselves.

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