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of Health Plans

**2015 Comparative Price Report**  
Variation in Medical and Hospital Prices by Country

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# 2015 Survey Overview

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This year's survey has been conducted in much the same way as the previous study, which includes pricing for several specialty prescription drugs, other prescription drugs and a selection of typical medical procedures. Prices for each country were submitted by participating federation member plans, and are drawn from public or commercial sectors as follows:

- Prices for the United States were derived from over 370 million medical claims and over 170 million pharmacy claims that reflect prices negotiated and paid to health care providers.
- Prices for Australia, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland and the UK are from the private sector, with data provided by one private health plan in each country.

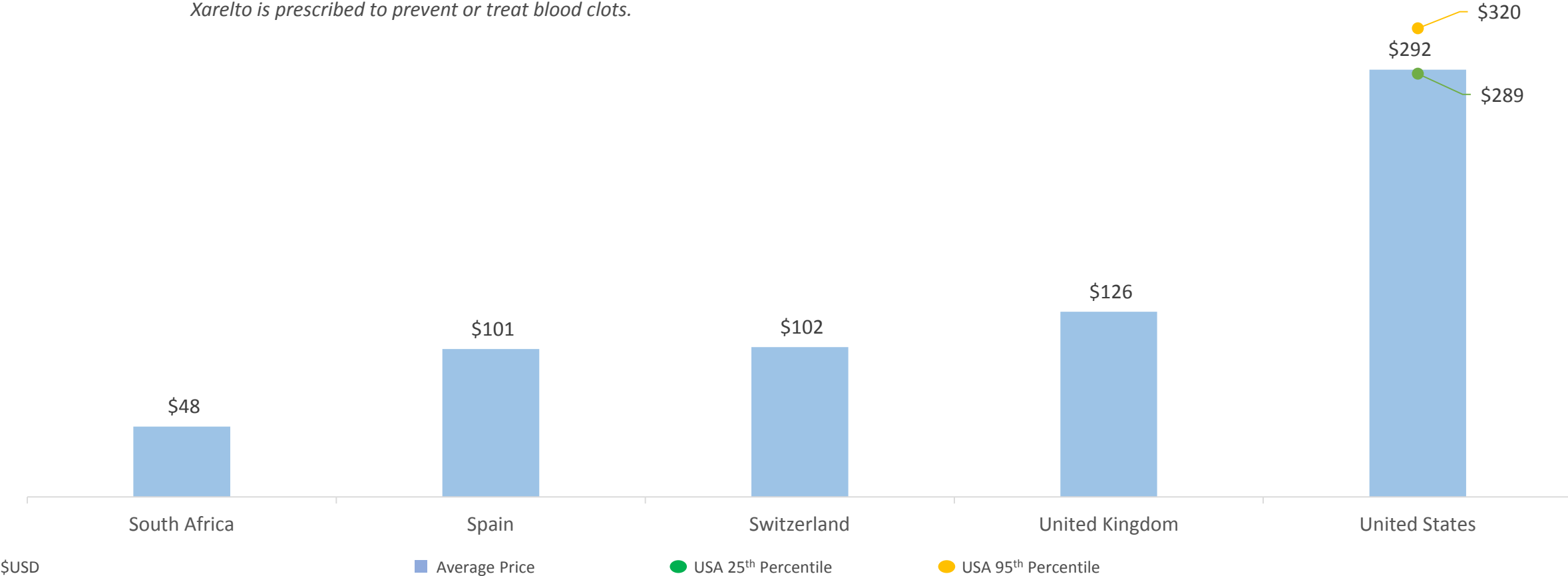
Comparisons across different countries are complicated by differences in sectors, fee schedules, and systems. In addition, a single plan's prices may not be representative of prices paid by other plans in that market. \*

\* Figures, when compared to previous studies, are affected by strength of US dollar.

# Drugs: Xarelto



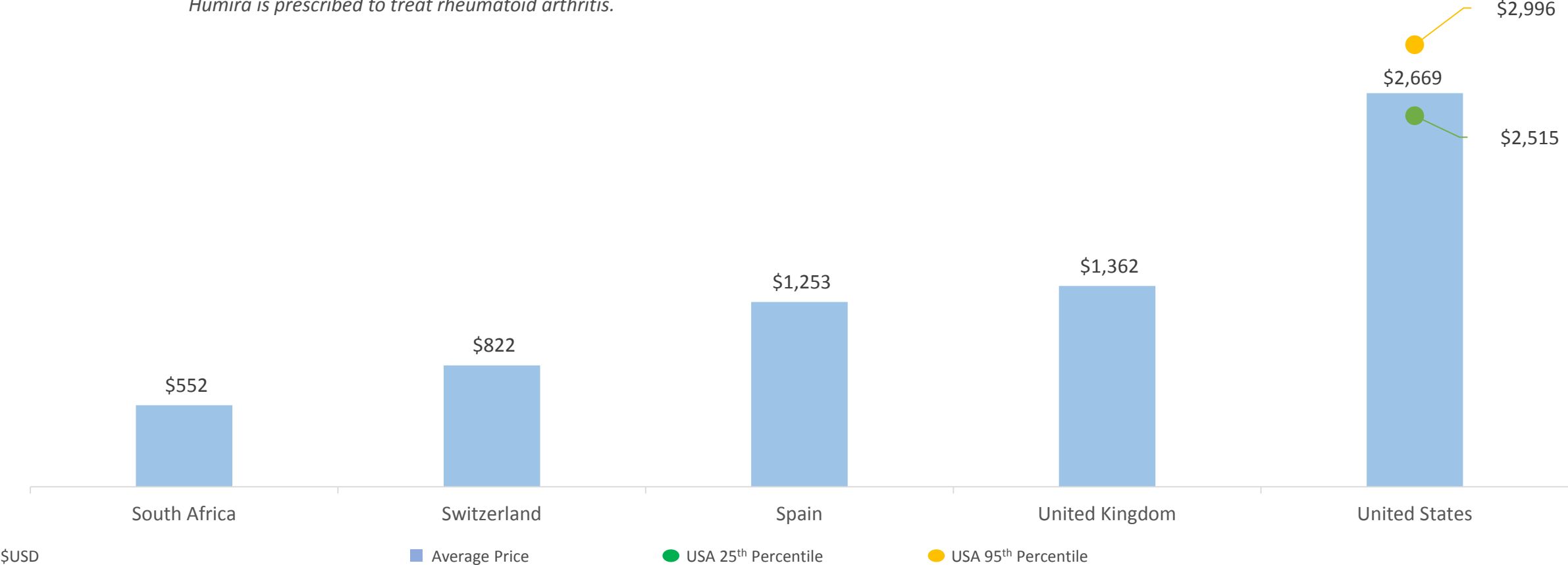
*Xarelto is prescribed to prevent or treat blood clots.*



Xarelto, 30 capsules, 20mg, 30 day supply

# Drugs: Humira

*Humira is prescribed to treat rheumatoid arthritis.*



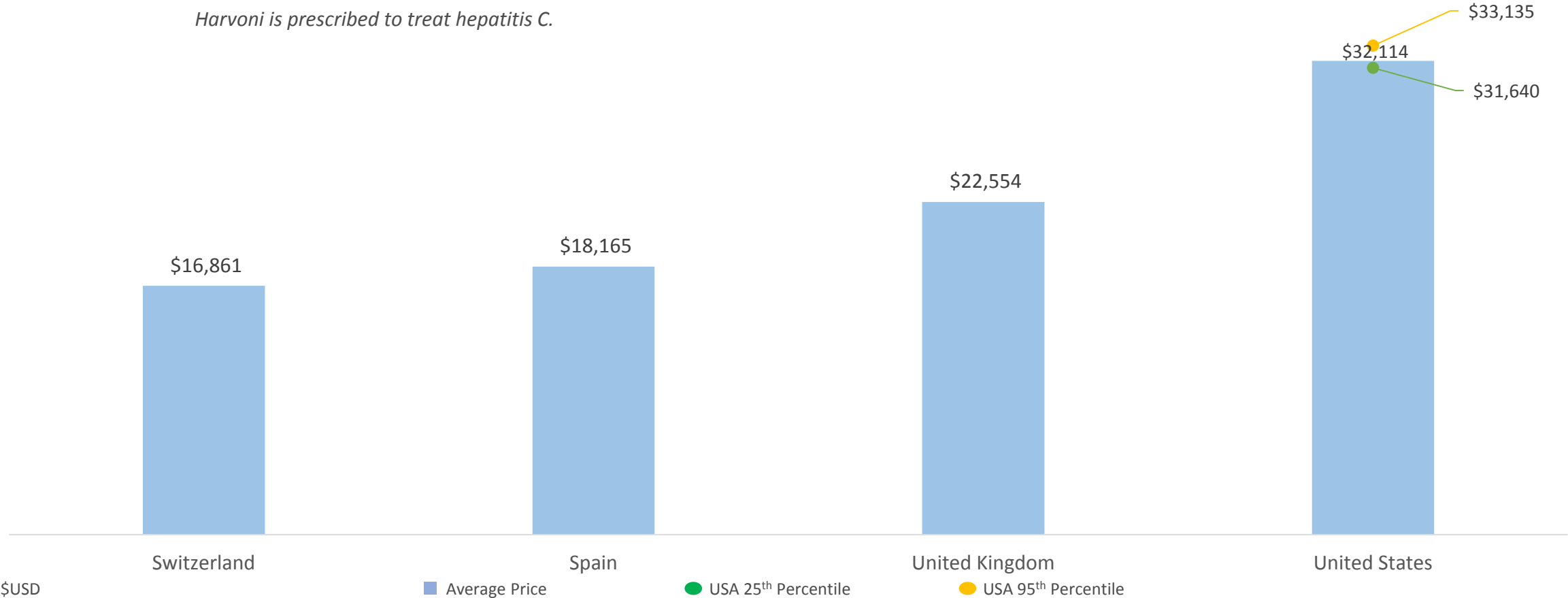
Humira, 1 prefilled syringe carton, 2 syringes, 28 day supply

# Drugs: Harvoni



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*Harvoni is prescribed to treat hepatitis C.*



Harvoni, 28 tablets, 4-week supply

# Drugs: Truvada



Truvada is prescribed to treat HIV/AIDS.

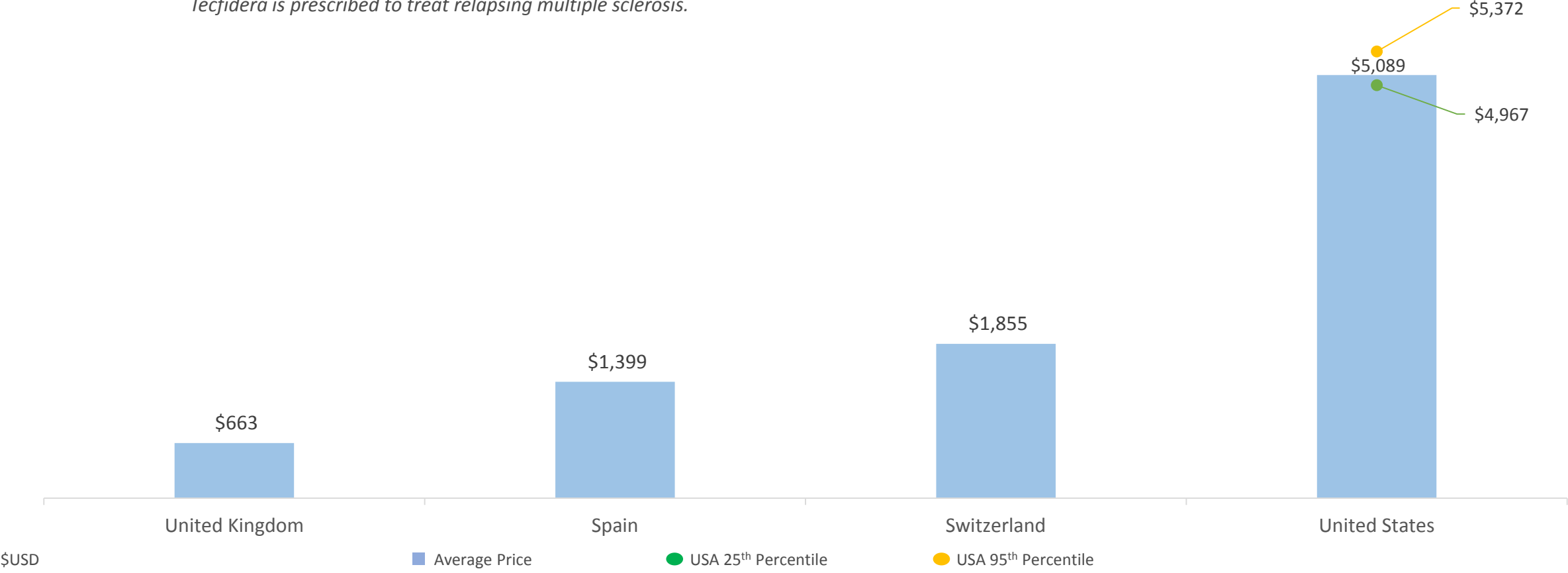


Truvada, 30 tablets, 30 day supply

# Drugs: Tecfidera



Tecfidera is prescribed to treat relapsing multiple sclerosis.



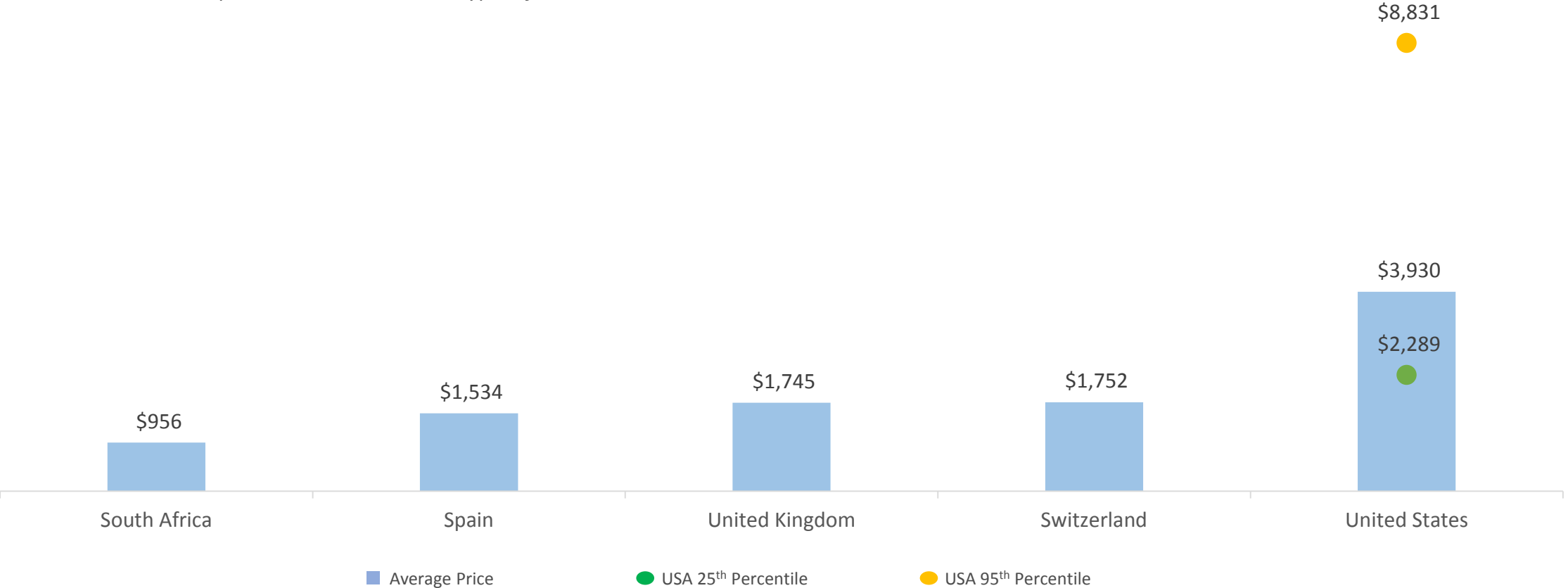
Tecfidera, 60 capsules, 240 mg, 30 day supply



# Drugs: Avastin



Avastin is prescribed to treat certain types of cancer.

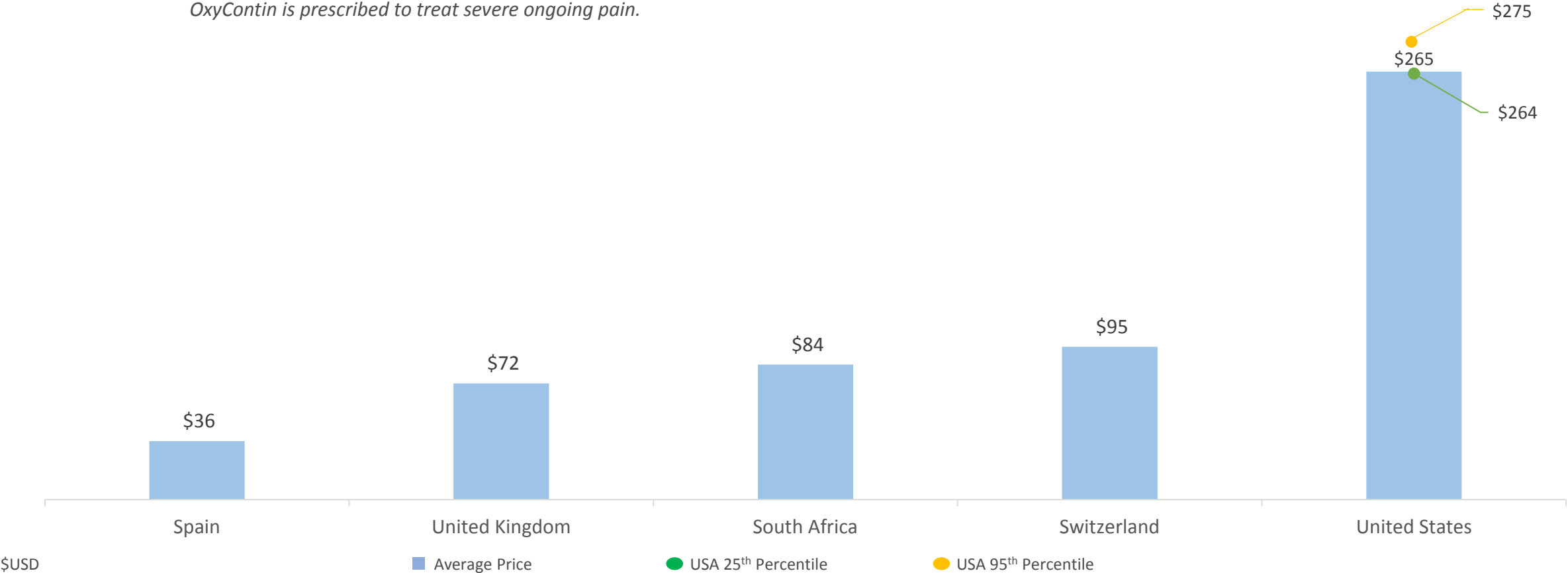


Avastin, 400 mg vial

# Drugs: OxyContin

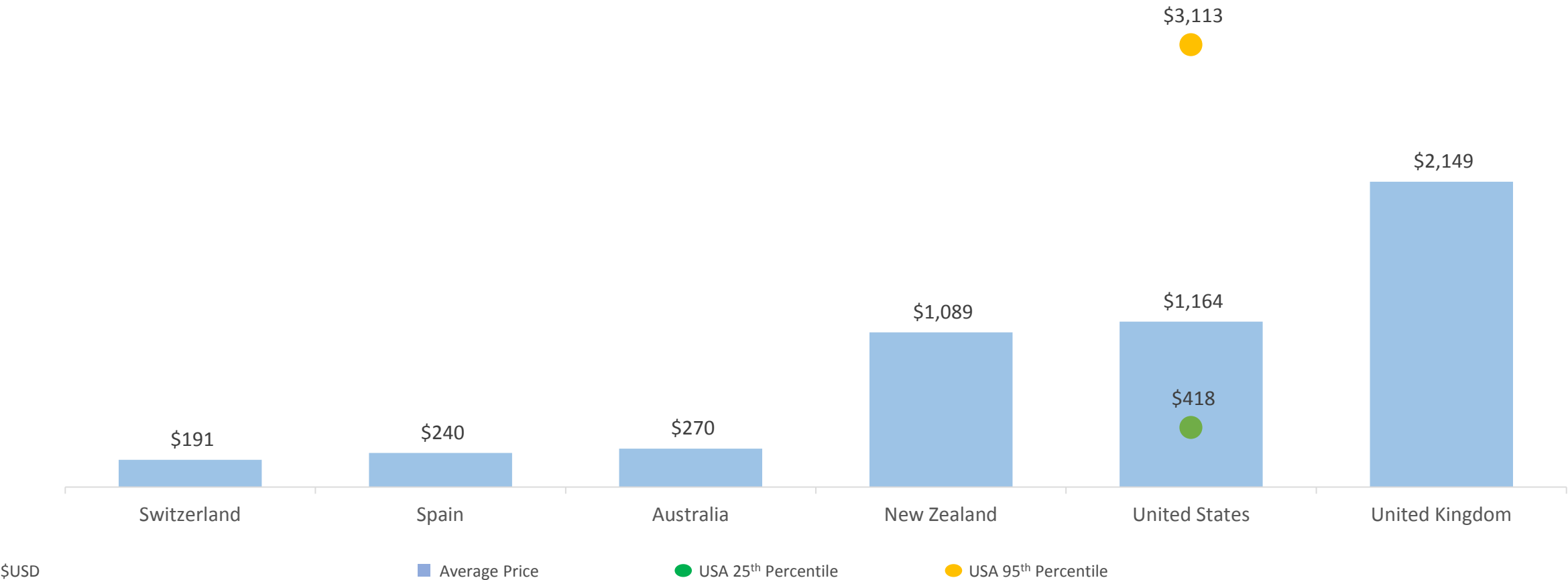


OxyContin is prescribed to treat severe ongoing pain.

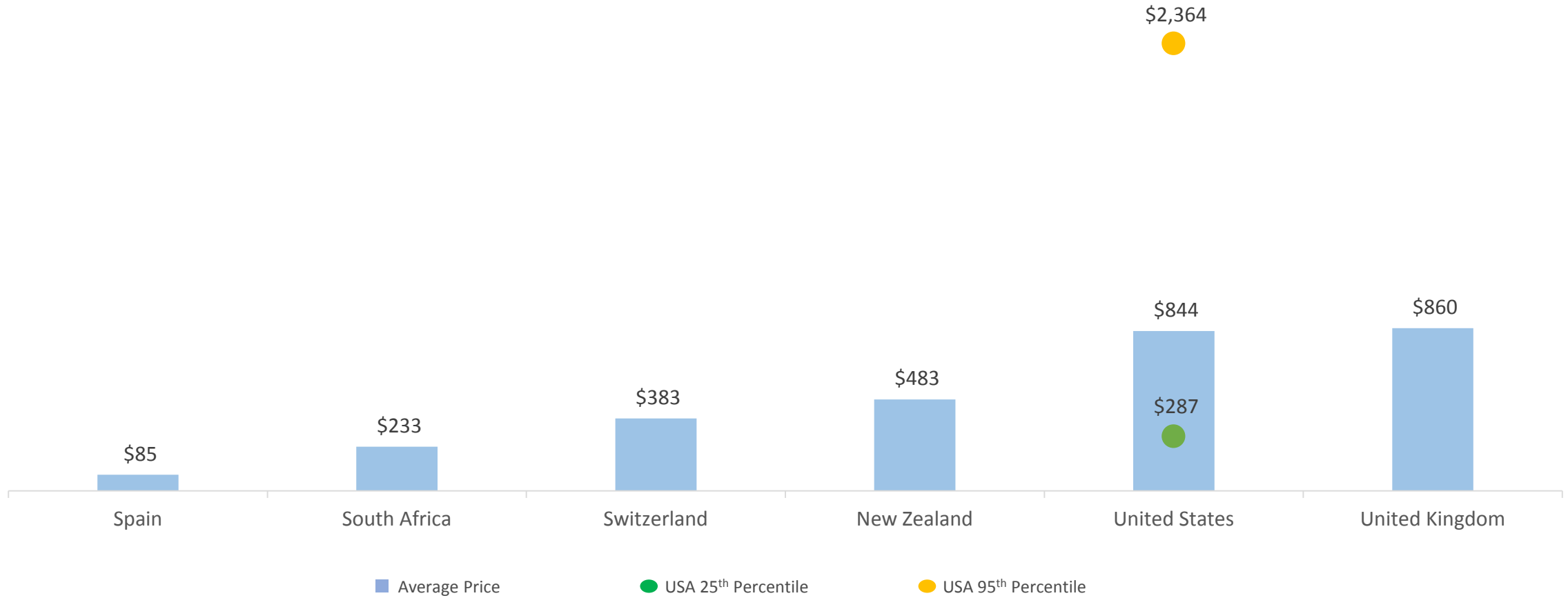


Oxycontin, 60 tablets, 20 mg, 30+ day supply

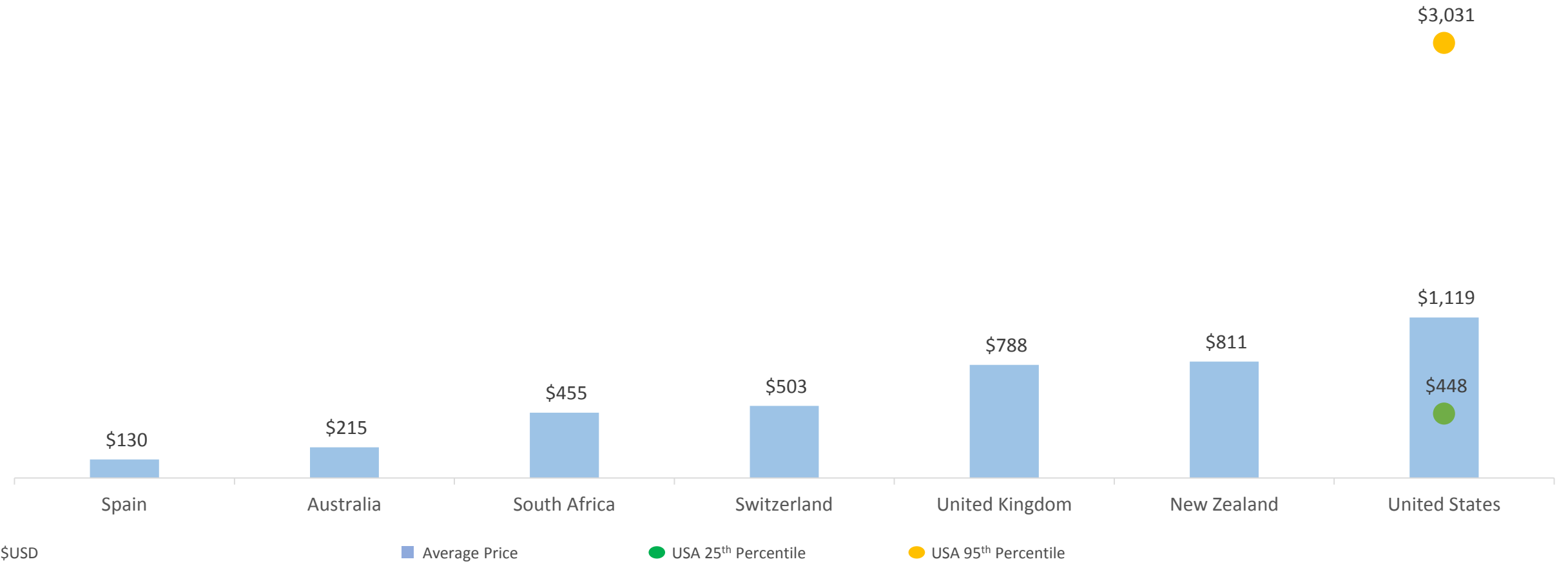
# Diagnostics: Angiogram



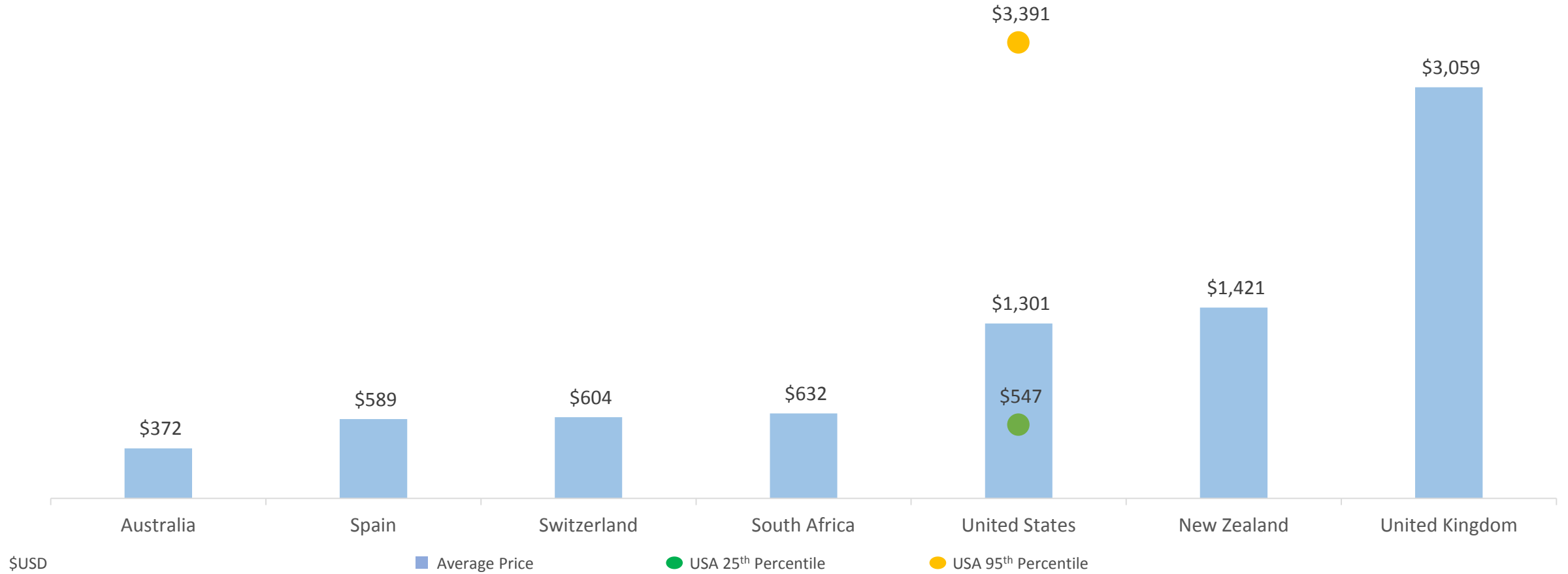
# Diagnostics: CT Scan Abdomen



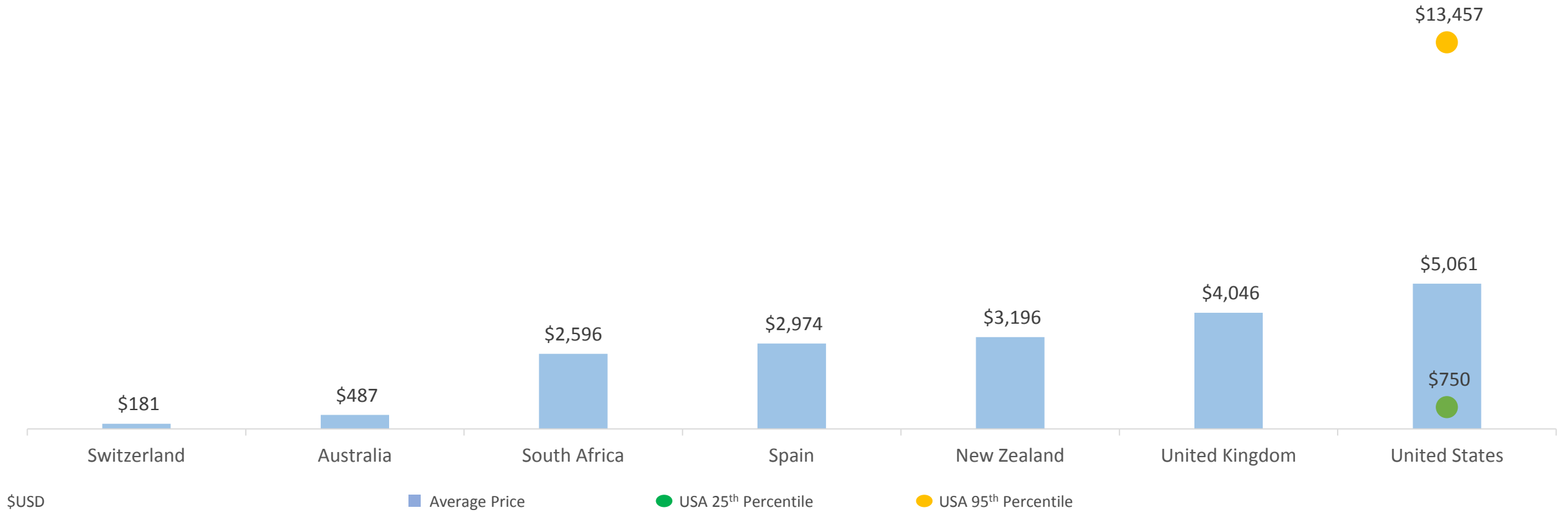
# Diagnostics: MRI



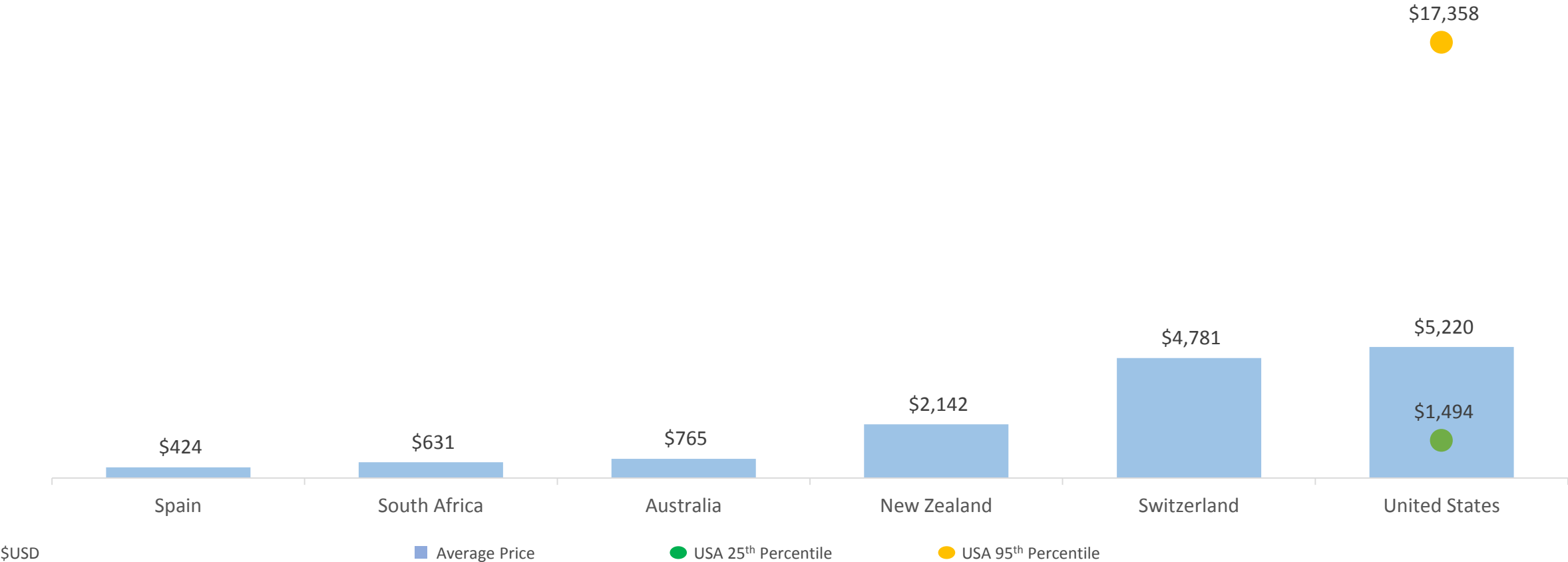
# Diagnostics: Colonoscopy



# Diagnostics: Cardiac Catheterization

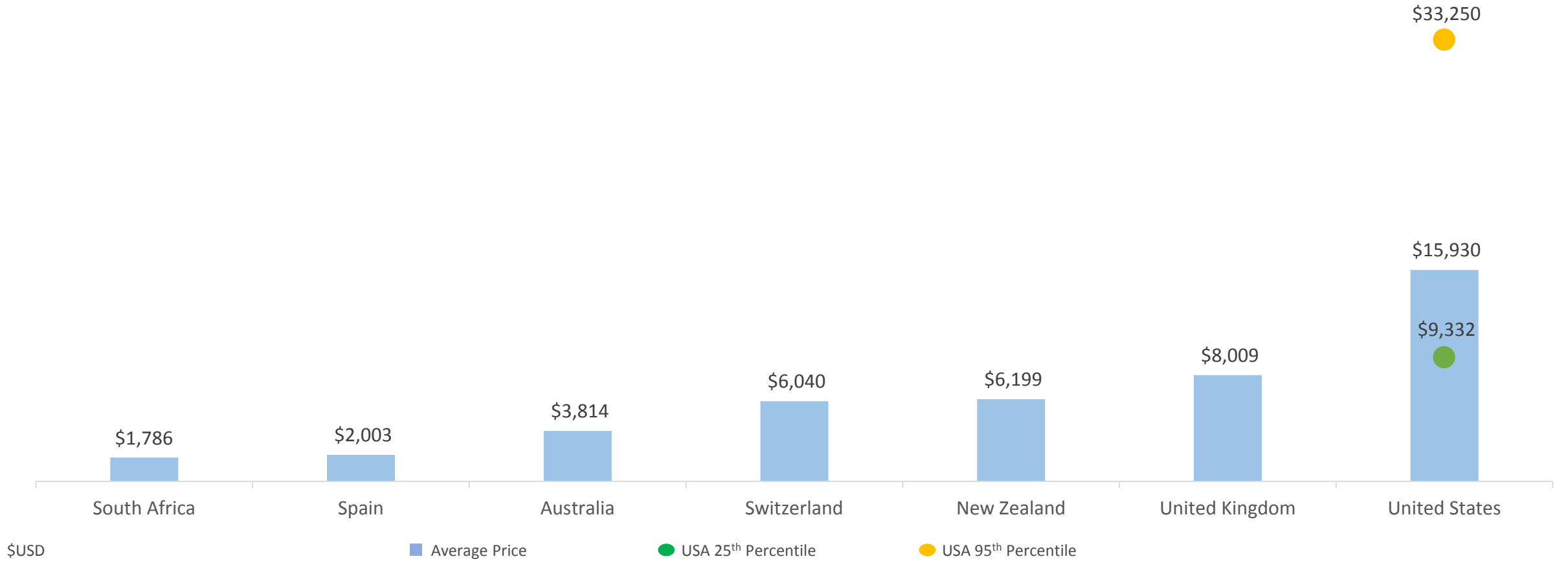


# Hospital Cost per Day

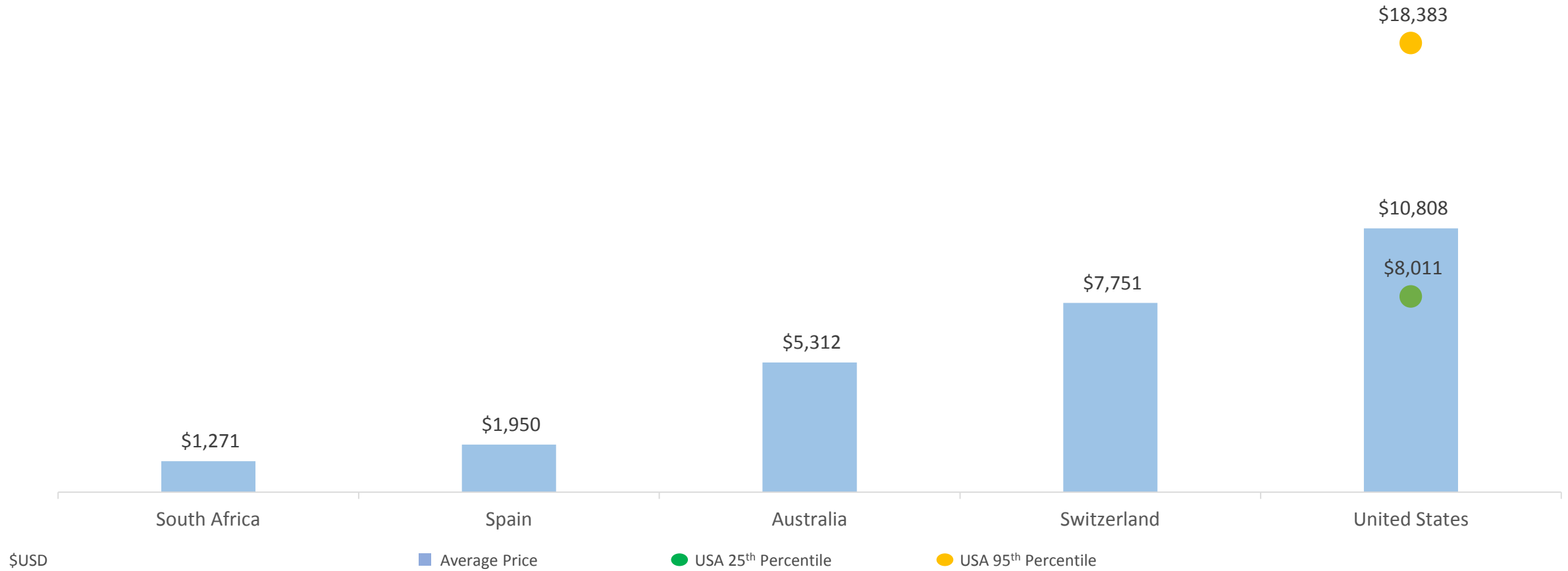




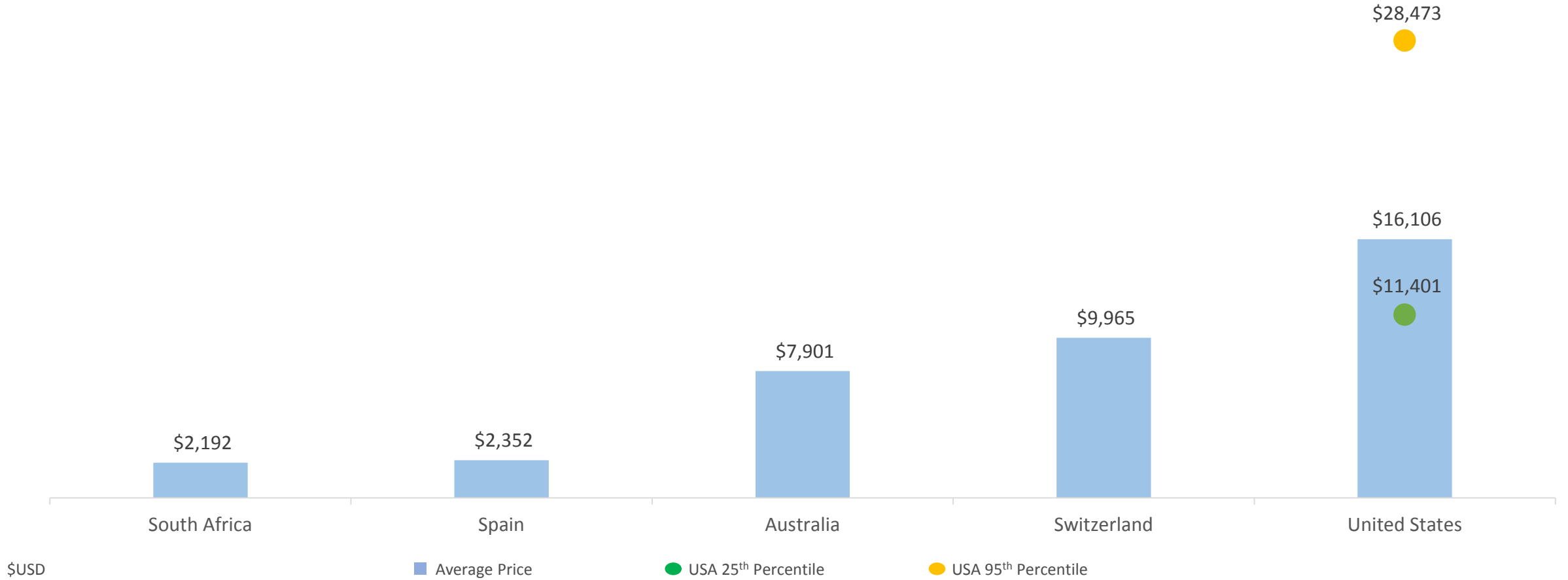
# Total Hospital and Physician: Appendectomy



# Total Hospital and Physician: Normal Delivery

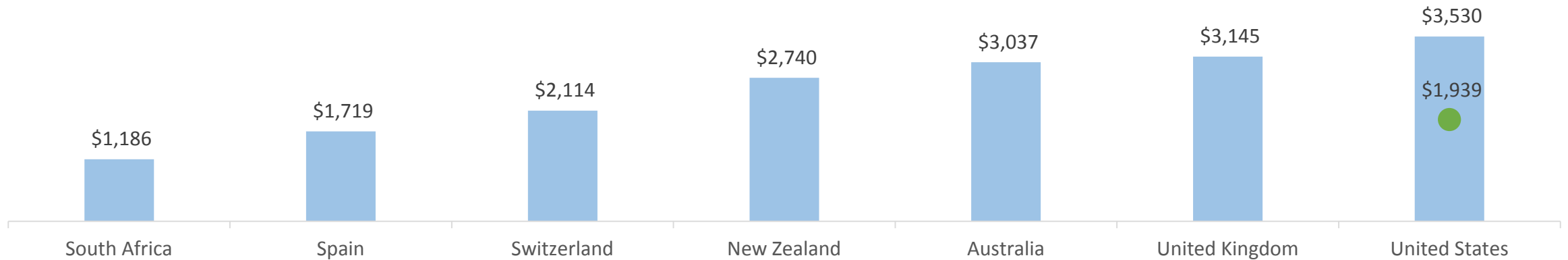


# Total Hospital and Physician: C-Section



# Total Hospital and Physician: Cataract Surgery

\$8,377



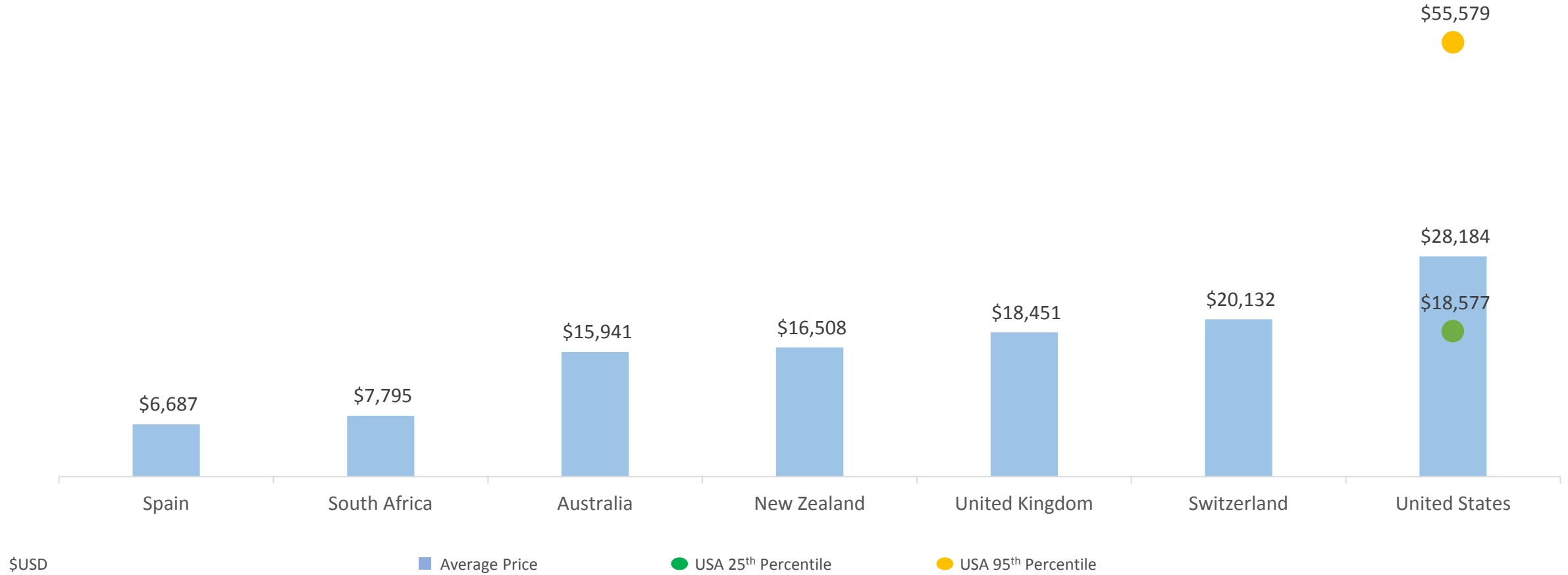
\$USD

■ Average Price

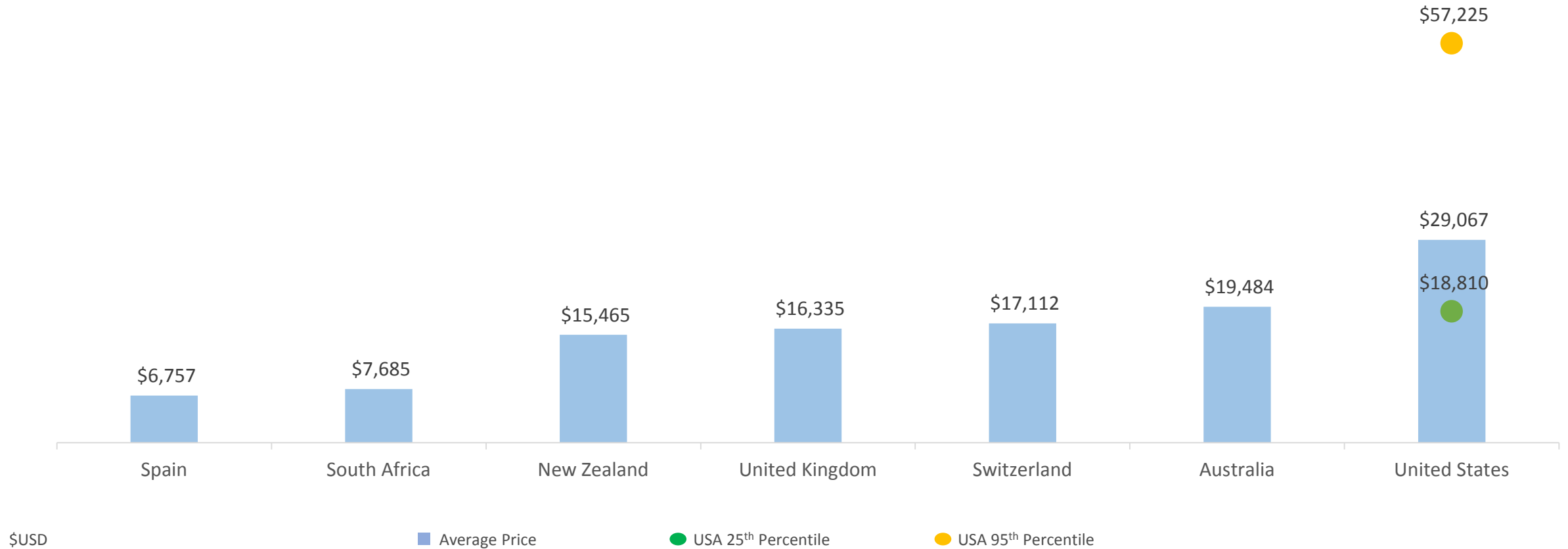
● USA 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile

● USA 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile

# Total Hospital and Physician: Knee Replacement



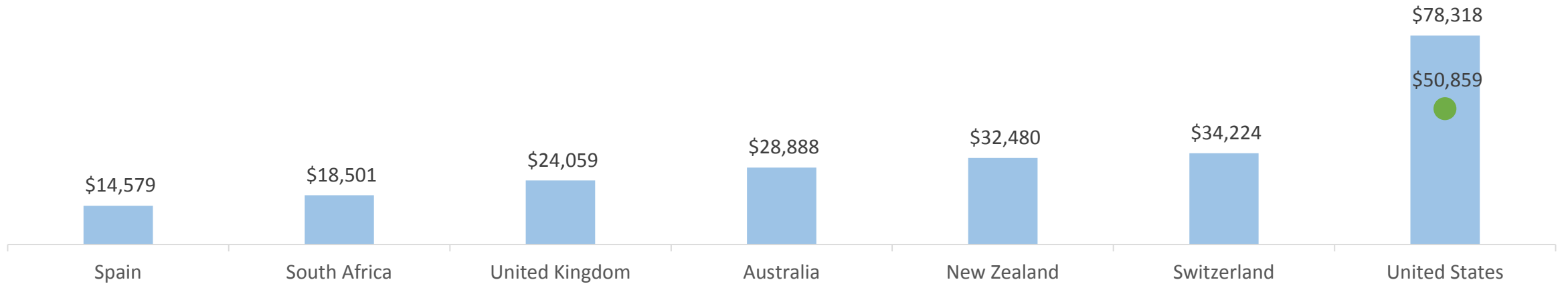
# Total Hospital and Physician: Hip Replacement



# Total Hospital and Physician: Bypass Surgery



\$161,148



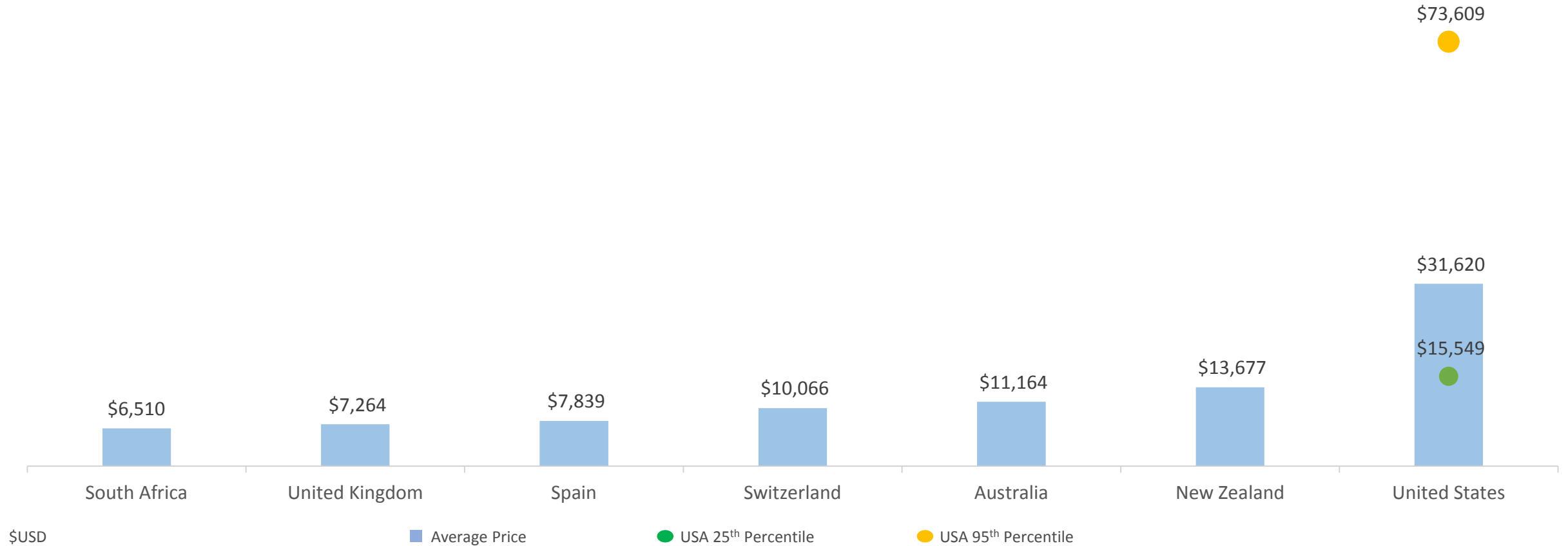
\$USD

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# Total Hospital and Physician: Angioplasty





# Notes

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## United States

The price estimates were provided by the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI) in collaboration with iFHP. The prices reported are the average allowed costs, which include both member cost sharing and health plan payment.

The source of the data used for this study was limited to employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) claims held by HCCI. The values reported are estimates of 2014 prices based on 2014 claims. No trend assumptions were applied to the data. The dataset contains ESI incurred from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014, and paid through 6/30/2015. These data do not include claims without membership records or claims with membership without a valid funding type. No demographic or geographic exclusion criteria were applied for this study. Additionally, actuarial completion was not applied to the claims in the dataset.

The preliminary average price estimates were compared to multiple data sources including the 2013 iFHP report, guroo.com (HCCI's price transparency initiative), and various other publicly available data to validate the findings.

As a broad range of prices were available, the national 25th percentile (low), average, and 95th percentile were calculated to provide context on the extent of commercial price variation.