

## U.S. EMBASSY, LILONGWE

### INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

Before your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy, you must obtain a medical examination from an Embassy-designated physician. Three physicians are designated by the U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe to perform medical examinations:

**Dr. Jack Wirima**

Mwaiwathu Private Hospital Ltd.  
Chileka Road  
P.O. Box 3067  
Blantyre  
Business: 01-834-989 or  
01-821-626  
Fax: 01-821-190

**Dr. Majid A. Tayub (Surgery)**

Area 3  
Colby Road  
Behind Lilongwe Hotel  
Old Town  
P.O. Box 30271  
Lilongwe 3  
Business: 01-754-925  
Fax: 01-757-228

**Dr. Suresh Thejopal (Surgery)**

Along Chilomoni Road  
Opposite Bishop Mackenzie  
International School  
P.O. Box 5016  
Limbe  
Business: 01-824-672

**Surgical Center**

Dr. Suresh Thejopal  
33 Glyn Jones Road  
Blantyre  
Malawi

A blood test for antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required as part of the medical examination for all applicants aged 15 years and older.

HIV is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is the name given to a group of illnesses that may occur in persons infected with HIV. HIV infection causes a defect in person's natural immunity against disease. This defect leaves infected people vulnerable to serious illnesses that would not usually be a threat to anyone whose immune system is intact. The test is not to diagnose AIDS, but to detect antibodies to the virus.

The results of your HIV antibody test will be provided to the Consular Officer. A positive test result will make you ineligible to receive a visa without an approved by U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

***NOTE: The U.S. Public Health Service has determined that medical examinations conducted in connection with immigrant visa applications have a maximum validity of one year. If you cannot arrive in the United States within one year of the date of the medical examination, you must repeat the examination.***