



*Embassy of the United States of America  
Consular Section  
San Salvador*

## **Instructions for Scheduling the Medical Exam**

Please read all of these instructions very carefully, step by step, and follow them exactly. All medical examinations must be performed **three weeks** before the date of your interview. Failure to adhere to this requirement will delay the processing of your case. All immigrant visa applicants must be examined at a medical center authorized by the U.S. Embassy. The addresses of U.S. Embassy-approved doctors are listed below. When arriving for your medical exam, you must present: 1) your passport, 2) a letter from the U.S. Embassy stating that you are scheduled for an interview, 3) an additional 2x2 inch color photo on white background, and 4) your vaccination records. If you do not have vaccination records, the physician will work with you to determine which vaccines are medically necessary for you. *Note: Presenting counterfeit or falsified vaccination records may result in the denial of your immigrant visa.*

The approximate total cost of testing is \$250. It is important to note that this is an approximate cost, and depending on your medical history, the cost can reach \$600 per applicant. All applicants must arrive at the physician's office before 10:00 a.m. so that the test results will be ready the same day.

### **Scope of Examination**

Please be advised that all immigrant visa applicants are required to submit to a thorough examination conducted by an approved panel physician. Examinations are conducted in conformity with technical instructions issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and will include:

1. A mental status examination which includes, at a minimum, assessment of intelligence, thought, cognition (comprehension), judgment, affect (and mood), and behavior;
2. A physical examination that includes, at a minimum, examination of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia (visual and palpation); and
3. All diagnostic tests required for the diagnosis of the diseases identified as communicable diseases of public health significance and other tests identified as necessary to confirm a suspected diagnosis of any other condition that may affect the applicant's eligibility for an immigrant visa.

Applicants should be sure to bring their vaccination records to the examination, along with any medical records the applicant believes might be relevant to their particular medical history, including current prescription drug names, doses, and frequency.

**Medical Centers Authorized by the U.S. Embassy (for Immigrant Visa exams):**

**Dra. Alicia Castro de Cruz**

Centro Comercial Feria Rosa, Local N°117-B,  
Alameda Manuel Enrique Araujo, Contiguo a Canal 6  
Colonia San Benito. San Salvador  
Tel: 2243-8472 - Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**Dr. Ernesto Rivera Richardson**

Paseo General Escalón y 99 Ave. Norte,  
Plaza Villavicencio; 2do Nivel, Local 2-25; San Salvador  
Tel: 2264-6189, 2264-6191 - Hours: 7:00 am a 4:00 pm, Monday -Friday

**Dr. Roberto Zelaya**

Paseo General Escalón y 99 Ave. Norte,  
Plaza Villavicencio, 3er Nivel, Local 3-5, San Salvador  
Tel: 2263-4143 - Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**Dra. Claudia Noemi Cruz**

Pje. Dordelly, entre 85 y 87 Ave. Nte. #4414  
Col. Escalon, San Salvador  
Tel: 2263-7535 - Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**Authorized Laboratory and X-Ray Clinics:** *Tests at these locations require a referral from one of the Embassy-authorized panel physicians.*

**X-Ray Clinic:**

**Clínica Rayos X Brito-Mejía Peña**

Plaza Villavicencio, Colonia Escalón, San Salvador  
Tel. 2506-2110, 2506-2116, 2506-2157  
Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**Serological Testing Laboratory (syphilis, sputum samples and microscopic acid):**

**Laboratorio Diagnóstico Escalón**

Plaza Villavicencio - Col. Escalón, San Salvador; Tel: 2506-2044  
Hours : Monday - Friday 7:00 am a 6:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 am a 12:00 pm