

## U.S. Consulate General



*Consulate General of the United States of America*  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN:**

### **EACH FORM (DS-2054) SHOULD BE ENDORSED BY THE PANEL PHYSICIAN AS FOLLOWS:**

I certify that the person covered by this report is the bearer of Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Sir:

You are requested to perform a medical examination of \_\_\_\_\_  
in accordance with provisions of the "Technical Instructions for Medical Examination of Aliens" of the United States Public Health Service, which is in your possession, and to report the results on the attached Form DS-2054.

Please note that in accordance with Section 34.4 (pages 1-3) of the Technical Instructions cited above, neither a chest x-ray examination nor a serologic test for syphilis shall be required if the applicant is under the age of 15. A tuberculin test may be required, however, where there is evidence of contact with a known case of tuberculosis or other reason to suspect infection with tuberculosis. A serologic test may be required where there is reason to suspect infection with syphilis.

### **X-Ray for Pregnant Women**

A postponement of the chest x-ray of a pregnant female is permissible; however, it is the position of the United States Public Health Service that it is possible to perform the examination safely during pregnancy with proper shielding of the abdomen. It should be explained to the applicant that if the x-ray examination were postponed, the issuance of the immigrant visa would also be postponed until such time as the medical examination is completed. U.S. Public Health Service regulations does not authorize a classification based only on a tuberculin skin test.

## **Procedure for Safeguarding Pregnant Women During X-Ray Testing**

The Bureau of Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration and the Public Health Service have provided the following information:

“Non-abdominal examinations, when conducted with appropriate technique factors, collimation and abdominal shielding, contribute only negligible exposure to the embryo or fetus. (Collimation refers to adjustment by the operator of the size of the x-ray beam so that it is no larger than the film). With specific reference to *chest x-rays*, we have calculated the estimated radiation dose to the embryo or fetus for each type of 14x17 film (AP, PA and lateral). With adequate collimation, a single PA film delivers 0.09 millirad (mrad) to the embryo or fetus which is essentially negligible. This assumes that the operator adequately collimates the x-ray beam. Further assurances of protection can be achieved by requiring that the abdominal area of the women be shielded with a lead apron.”

### **Doubtful Cases**

Whenever further medical consultation is deemed advisable, the visa applicant should be referred to an appropriate specialist at the applicant's expense. Under generally accepted medical procedures, the specialist should report his findings and opinion to the Panel Physician who remains responsible for the completion of Form DS-2054 and final results of the medical examination. In those comparatively rare instances where no specialist is available for consultations, the Panel Physician may refer specific problems to the Consulate General, which will in turn refer the case to the Public Health Service in the United States.

It is absolutely essential that any practitioner performing any part of this medical examination take proper care to identify the applicant by comparison with his photograph. Special attention should be given to ensure that specimens submitted by the applicant are from the applicant and not a third party.

**FOR THE APPLICANT:**

**VISA MEDICAL EXAMINATION  
Information Sheet and Referral Letter**

1. A medical examination is required of all applicants for immigrant visas. **NO APPLICANT WILL BE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TESTS.**
2. **Approved Examiners:** Medical examinations must be performed by physicians designated by the Consulate General according to procedure prescribed by the U.S. law. The examining physicians are not employed by the U.S. Government.
3. **Fees:** Examination fees are paid by the applicant and are paid directly to the medical facility.
4. **Report of Examination:** The examining physician will either forward the completed report to the Consulate General or hand it to you in a sealed envelope for presentation to the Consular Officer. All sealed envelopes must be opened in the presence of the security guard or gate attendant before gaining entry to the Visa Section.
5. **Referral Procedure:** The following are the physicians and institutions by whom you must be examined. Walk-in visits are accepted: no prior appointment is necessary. Please provide the examiners with two passport-sized photographs.

<p><b>Dr. Alexandra Anga</b> The Consultants Practice The Children’s Practice 25 Raymond Njoku Ikoyi Lagos Telephone: 01-893-0723, 01-461-1941 Cell: 0802-223-5834</p>	<p><b>Dr. Funmi Alakija</b> Q-Life Family Clinic Plot 155A Prince Ade Odedina Street Off Ajose Adegun, Victoria Island Annexe Lagos, Nigeria Telephone: 01-804-2000, 01-726-2840 Cell: 0702-770-4055</p>
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6. **Hours of Examination:** A minimum of three (3) working days must be allowed to complete the medical examination process. At times, the process may take longer than three days. Please note the following hours of examination:

**Monday – Friday                      8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**Saturdays                                9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Appointment times for the physical examination will be given during the first visit. The physical examination cannot be performed until the lab test results are available. Please also note that you will

be required to appear on two (2) separate days – one day for x-rays and laboratory tests; and another day for examination and results.

## **HIV TESTING**

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing is no longer required as of January 4, 2010. The Panel Physician may perform the HIV test if the applicant requests or consents to it, but must disclose to the applicant that the applicant does not have to be tested for HIV and that the results of the HIV test will be provided to the Consular Section as part of the visa medical examination. However, HIV applicants are no longer ineligible to receive a visa due to this condition.