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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires that all immigrant visa applicants and certain nonimmigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, undergo a medical examination before receiving a visa. All applicants must undergo a medical examination administered by a Panel Physician before the visa interview. **Only Panel Physicians may administer the medical examination.** The names and addresses of the Panel Physicians used by the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong are set forth below. As examinations expire after a period of time, applicants are recommended to schedule their medical examinations no more than 4 weeks prior to the date of the visa interview. Reports generally take approximately one week to prepare. Please bring the unopened results to your visa interview. Please do **NOT** open your results.

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Be sure to take the following items with you to the medical examination:

- 1) Visa interview appointment letter
- 2) DS-260 Confirmation Page for each family members named in the visa interview appointment letter
- 3) The travel document of each person who will undergo a medical examination
- 4) This instruction sheet
- 5) Five passport-size photographs of each person to be medically examined
- 6) Sufficient money to pay the required fees. See the fee schedule at the end of this document for specific costs.

NOTE: The examining physician may, at his discretion, require additional X-rays or tests to accurately evaluate your medical condition(s). The applicant is responsible for payment of these costs, which will be in addition to those for the basic examination. All medical fees related to the examination are to be paid at the doctor's office. Children under 15 normally are not required to undergo an X-ray. However, the examining physician reserves the right to request such a test if it is deemed necessary.

- 7) If you have a history of tuberculosis, be prepared to present all old X-rays and medical reports.
- 8) If you are receiving or have received medical treatment, please be prepared to present your medical records, test results, and the dosage of any medication you are current taking.
- 9) Please also remember to bring any prescription eyeglasses and/or hearing aids to the appointment.



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WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

The medical examination is conducted by one of the appointed panel physicians. It consists of a physical examination (eyes, ears, nose, throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, and skin), chest X-ray and a blood test for venereal disease. Children between aged 2 and 14 are subject to tuberculin skin test. The blood test and X-ray are generally not required of persons under the age of 15, but they are required, under existing United States law, of all other persons.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IV APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS CONCERNING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

United States immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations (listed below) prior to the issuance of a visa. Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations of visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the new vaccination requirements, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the following vaccinations: Acellular pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Influenza, Measles and Mumps and Rubella, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, and Varicella.

In addition to the preceding vaccinations, <u>effective October 1, 2021</u>, a vaccination for COVID-19 will be required for all applicants who wish to immigrate to the United States. Either of the COVID-19 vaccines available in Hong Kong is acceptable to fulfill this requirement. We encourage applicants to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations in advance of their medical screening.

To assist the panel physician and to avoid delays in the processing of your visa, **all immigrant visa applicants** should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement.

Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition. For more detailed information, please visit the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Panel Physician Technical Instructions for Vaccination at http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dgmq</u>.



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Fees for Medical Exams

Note: This list covers most of the charges associated with the medical examination process. The examining physician may, at his/her discretion, require additional X-rays or tests to evaluate your medical condition(s). You are responsible for payment of these costs, which will be in addition to those associated with the basic examination.

Dr. Nicolson & Associates Drs. Anderson & Partners Description Physical exam & documentation 1.000 1.030 Serologic test for syphilis 250 270 NAAT for gonorrhea 590 590 Chest x-ray and radiology consult 390 390 Sputum smear exam (a series of 3) 1,860 1,869 Culture exam (a series of 3) Tuberculosis follow up consultation 320 per visit 350 per visit Tuberculin skin test and follow up visit 350 300 Interferon gamma release assay test 2,150 2,250

Vaccination Fees

Unit Price in HKD per shot Unit Price in HKD per shot

| Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis | 780 | 755 |
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| Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib) | 420 | 415 |
| Hepatitis A (child) | 450 | 420 |
| Hepatitis B (child) | 250 | 250 |
| Hepatitis B (adult) | 330 | 295 |
| Influenza | 350 | 280 |
| Measles and Mumps and Rubella | 280 | 280 |
| Meningococcal | 1,050 | 1,060 |
| Pneumococcal (PCV 13) | 1,150 | 1,100 |
| Pneumococcal (PPSV 23) | 300 | 300 |
| Polio | 150 | 150 |
| Rotavirus | 780 | 880 |
| Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids | 300 | 280 |
| Varicella | 680 | 665 |
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| Blood test for varicella | 600 | 550 |