

Genetic Testing Information Sheet

Genetic testing may establish the validity of the relationship in your case. Such tests are completely voluntary and all costs must be borne by you or the petitioner and must be paid in advance to the laboratory in the United States. In addition, it is important for you to understand that submitting to genetic testing does not guarantee the issuance of a visa.

The following is a link to a list of the laboratories accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB): <http://www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx>. **Only AABB-accredited laboratories are authorized to conduct genetic testing for U.S. visa purposes.** If you decide to have a genetic test, the following are the steps:

- 1) The petitioner must contact any of the AABB-accredited laboratories and request that a test be conducted.
- 2) The laboratory of the petitioner's choice will contact the Immigrant Visa Unit, and the Immigrant Visa Unit will contact you to make an appointment to collect the DNA sample.
- 3) The Immigrant Visa Unit will receive the results directly from the laboratory and will contact you.

Note that we cannot accept results that are sent by you, nor can we accept results from any laboratory that is not accredited by the AABB.