



**Embassy of the United States of America  
Consular Section, Immigrant Visa Unit  
Bogotá, Colombia**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Each applicant, regardless of age, must have a general physical examination prior to the interview appointment. These examinations should be completed **prior** to your appointment at the Embassy. NOTE: Medical exams have a maximum validity of six months; applicants should wait to schedule their medical exam until their visa interview has been scheduled.

**SCHEDULE THE EXAMINATION:** Please call one of the doctors (also known as panel physicians) listed below to make an appointment for your exam. Since the full-body exam requires the patient to undress, you may wish to choose a male or female doctor accordingly.

**Dra. Monica Caicedo**

Centro Médico de la Sabana  
Cra. 7 No. 119-14, Cons #506  
Bogotá  
Tel: 215-3949; 637-3219

**Dr. Jairo H. Roa**

Centro Médico de La Sabana  
Cra. 7 No. 119-14, Cons #325  
Bogotá  
Tel: 215-1763; 619-2044; 619-2055

**Dr. Juan Piñeros**

Centro Médico de la Sabana  
Cra. 7 No. 119-14, Cons #326  
Bogotá  
Tel: 612-1224  
(this pediatrician will ONLY see children)

**Dr. Rodolfo José Dennis**

Centro de Especialistas  
Fundación Cardioinfantil  
Cra. 13B No. 161-85 Torre H, Piso 1  
Bogotá  
Tel: 805-0091; 667-2727, ext 2420; 2423; or 2424,

**COMPLETE LABORATORY TESTS:** Applicants who are 15 years of age or older are required to have blood tests and a chest X-ray done **BEFORE** their general physical examination at the following address:

**Instituto y Laboratorio Clínico  
Calle 38 No. 8-28, Local No. 1  
Bogotá  
Tel. 232-7272**

**NOTES:**

All applicants must present their passport and a photograph (see photograph instructions) at each laboratory or medical appointment.

Examinations from a laboratory or doctor not included on this list will not be accepted. All applicants must come to Bogota to complete the medical examinations; there are no authorized panel physicians or laboratories outside of Bogota.

**FEES:**

As of March 2014, the exams will have a MAXIMUM price of **315.000** Colombian pesos (**subject to change**) per adult. As noted below some children are required to get Tuberculin skin testing at an additional cost.

- **165.000** (Colombian pesos) for the general physical examination;
- **150.000** (Colombian pesos) for blood tests (Serology and X-rays).
- **42.000** (Colombian pesos) for Tuberculin skin testing for children between two and 14 years of age

Please note that there may be additional costs required for vaccinations

Laboratory and medical examination fees must be paid in cash by the applicant. Any additional examinations ordered by the doctor must be paid for by the applicant. You may pick up the results of your exams at the doctor's office. On the day of your visa appointment, please bring the results of your medical examinations to the Embassy in a sealed envelope.

## **VACCINATIONS:**

In order to assist the panel physician, and to avoid processing delays, all visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the medical examination. You should consult with your regular health care provider to obtain your original immunization record. Only the panel physician appointed by the U.S. Embassy can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition. If you need a vaccine, the Embassy-appointed panel physician will determine which vaccinations you need, and will direct you to the Embassy-approved vaccination clinic. If you do not comply with the panel physician's instructions on these vaccinations, the Embassy cannot issue your immigrant visa. Read the latest vaccination instructions online at: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info\\_1331.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_1331.html). NOTE: We strongly recommend against obtaining any new vaccinations immediately prior to your interview – on many occasions, the panel physicians must require new vaccinations because the ones you have received from outside medical providers do not meet U.S. public health standards or you may get vaccines that are not appropriate for your age or health status. **It is better to wait and obtain a vaccine directly from the Embassy-appointed panel physician to be guaranteed that your vaccine will meet U.S. standards.**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

During your medical examination, you should provide all relevant information concerning your medical history to the examining physician:

- If you are taking any medications, you should know their names and composition.
- If you currently, or have previously suffered from an illness, major surgery or trauma, or physical or mental disease, please bring the medical history from the doctor or medical institution that treated you.
- If you are receiving treatment for any of the above, please bring a copy of your medical history, including treatment and medication.

Failure to provide this information during your medical examination will delay your visa process..

## **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Requirements By The U.S. Center For Disease Control (CDC) For ALL Immigrant Visa Applicants**

Due to increased rates of TB infection in the United States, the U.S. Government requires more stringent testing and treatment of all applicants before they can immigrate to the United States.

- All applicants two years and older must be tested for TB. Children between two and 14 years require Tuberculin skin testing (TST). Depending on the results of the TST, some children may also need chest X-rays. **Families must plan to be available in Bogota for an extra 4 days to determine if the children also need chest X-rays.**
- All applicants 15 years of age and older must undergo a chest X-ray before the medical examination can be completed. Pregnant women can elect to undergo the chest radiograph with double lead shielding over the belly or they can wait to complete the chest radiograph after the baby is born.
- If the tests are positive for TB, applicants may require treatment before the applicant can receive a visa.