

International Adoption Clinic



Thank you for contacting the International Adoption Clinic at the University of Virginia. Open since 2001, we offer a wide range of services for families interested in international adoption, including file reviews and seeing newly adopted children in our clinic at the UVA Children's Hospital. Reviews and assessments are completed by board-certified pediatricians with expertise in global health and infectious diseases.

File reviews:

We offer 2 levels of reviews. The first is a pre-referral review for families who are just beginning the process of international adoption and would like to discuss the potential medical concerns that might be seen in any child adopted from outside the United States. This might include going over checklists of medical conditions provided by your agency, or answering specific questions about different medical concerns as you consider adopting children with various special needs. The cost of this review is \$150 and typically involves a 30-60 minute phone conversation after the physician has reviewed your paperwork and information.

We also review files of individual children whom your agency has referred to you for possible adoption. Based on the information provided by your agency, we will give you a medical and developmental assessment via phone, followed by an emailed letter summarizing our discussion. This may include a review of vaccines, lab work, concerns for infectious diseases, genetic syndromes, need for possible surgeries or corrective therapies, etc. The cost for this referral review is \$300 for the first child and \$150 for each biologic sibling. Included in this cost is the review of any additional information you may get from your agency after our initial conversation. We are committed to completing your review within 2 business days, and often can have information back to you within 24 hours.

If you are interested in using our services, please send an email IAC@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu AND to sb7dv@virginia.edu and include the following:

- 1)The information from your agency for review and the agency you are working with
- 2)Your contact information including name, email and telephone number
- 3)The best times to reach you within the next 2 business days. If you needed a more rapid response, please indicate this and we will try to accommodate.

In-person assessments:

We also offer initial in-person assessments after the adoption has occurred. Upon the family's return from the child's country of origin, the clinic's physicians and staff meet with the parents and their newly adopted child at our Children's Hospital for this initial assessment. (Our adoption clinic does not serve as the primary care physician for your child but works in conjunction with your PCP.) At the time of the clinic visit we offer a comprehensive physical examination, a developmental assessment performed by a pediatrician and occupational therapist, and standard laboratory screening tests as well as recommendations for vaccinations. Other problems that are assessed at the clinic include but are not limited to strabismus, anemia, lead exposure, fetal alcohol syndrome, chronic hepatitis B, Giardia, latent tuberculosis infection, cleft lip and palate, and an assortment of behavioral issues. Further assessment, sub-specialty referral, follow-up and referral for early intervention are determined at the visit. This assessment is billed as a consultative visit and is usually covered by medical insurance plans. After the initial review is complete, we will send a bill and ask that payment be made by check.

We appreciate your interest in our services and look forward to working with you.

Sarah Boggs, MD, IAC Medical Director

For Questions or to Schedule an Appointment

please call at **434.924.0123**

OR

visit us at **childrens.uvahealth.com**.

