THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Instructions for Physicians Evaluating Missionary Candidates

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT 50 E NORTH TEMPLE ST RM 345 W SALT LAKE CITY UT 84150-5400

Missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serve in various environments and cultures throughout the world. They are normally expected to engage in missionary activities many hours per day, including walking many miles a day, six days a week. The rigors of a mission usually exacerbate any prior difficulties. Please use the following guidelines in examining the missionary candidate:

- The Physician's Health Evaluation of Missionary Candidate form must be signed by a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO). If the examination is done by a physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner (NP), the supervising physician must verify the findings and review and countersign the form. An examination by any other practitioner is not acceptable.
- Please perform a thorough physical examination to ensure that missionaries receive assignments in which they can succeed. It is unfortunate when a missionary must return home early because of problems that could have been avoided or stabilized before the mission.
- 3. Correct any problems such as plantar warts, flat feet, chronic headaches, or inguinal hernias before the missionary candidate leaves for his or her mission. Explain to the candidate any problems that do not need correcting, such as a deviated nasal septum, varicocele, pilonidal disease, and so on, in case a physician in his or her mission insists that such a condition must be surgically corrected.

- 4. Stabilize chronic problems such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, emotional disorders, irritable bowel, endometriosis, and so on. Carefully instruct the candidate on the treatment for these problems, and explain personal care under diverse circumstances. Also explain the importance of continuing to take any prescribed medications.
- 5. Do not sign the Physician's Health Evaluation of Missionary Candidate form without reviewing the Personal Health History of Missionary Candidate form with the candidate. Please comment on each abnormality listed by the candidate.
- 6. When a major illness, operation, injury, hospitalization, or prolonged treatment is mentioned, please obtain a summary report of the incident from the professional who treated the case. This report should accompany the candidate's application.
- Obtain necessary consultations to clarify the candidate's ability to function in the mission field as well as his or her current physical and emotional status where advisable.
- Complete all specified laboratory tests. Everyone, including those who have had BCG vaccine or a chest X ray, should have a PPD skin test. Only those already known to be positive are exempted.
- Please mark the appropriate box indicating the candidate's overall ability to function in the mission field on the "Missionary Fitness Report: Overall Assessment of Functional Ability."



Physician's Health Evaluation

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To the physician: Please *type, print, or write legibly in black ink* when completing this form. Attach additional information if necessary. When you have completed the form, mail it and a copy of the Personal Health History of Missionary Candidate form directly to the candidate's bishop or branch president, using the envelope provided by the candidate. Your thorough evaluation and completion of all requested forms, information, and recommendations will be greatly appreciated. Where mail is unreliable, give the forms in a sealed envelope to the missionary candidate.

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Missionary candidate's name (first)	(middle)	(last)	(:	suffix)	Age	Gender Female	Male
Height (in inches or centimeters)	Weight (in pounds or kilograms)	Blood pressure	Pulse	Vision (with	corrective lenses, if req		Iviale
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3. Eyes		\dashv					
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4. Ears (audiogram and balance if nec	essary)						
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5. Nose, throat, neck, and thyroid							
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6. Chest and lungs							
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7. Heart and blood vessels (murmurs)							
Normal Abnormal							
8. Abdomen (masses, liver, and spleer	1)						
Normal Abnormal							
9. 1. Rectal area, varicocele, and hern	ia						
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10. Back (history of pain, disability, treated	atment; also pilonidal disease)						
Normal Abnormal							
11. Upper extremities							
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13. Neurological system		_					
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14. (Women only) breasts		_					
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15. (Women only) pelvic area, includin history)	g Pap test (if over 40 or indicated by						
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16. Comment on abnormalities noted in	n history or physical exam regarding:						
16.1. Epilepsy 16.2. General medical problems							
16.3. Surgical problems							
16.4. Learning, memory, or commit 16.5. Emotional, psychological, or							
16.6. Abuse of prescription medici							
16.7. Consultations requested17. Urinalysis (tests for specific gravity	nrotein and sugar are all required)						
Specific gravity (required)	, protein and sugar are an required)						
Dipstick—protein (required)							
Dipstick—sugar (required)							
Microscopic (if protein abnormal)		7					
18. Hemoglobin or hematocrit (circle the type and enter the test result)	-						
Hematocrit Hemoglobin							
	Rh factor	\dashv					
20. PSA (males over 50)		\dashv					
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21. Mammogram (within last year	for females over 40)				al, please give spe	cific details and	indicate func	Female	Male y (referring
22 Tuberculosis testing (PPD-10TU))—required for all (including those wh	no had BCG vaccin		to item nu	mber).				
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(If 10 or greater, chest X ray required	d)		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						
23. Chest X ray taken Yes No									
24. INH is prescribed									
Yes No									
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If prescribed, date when treatr		•							
25. Immunization Dates									
Tetanus/diphtheria									
MMR1	MMR2								
Polio									
Hepatitis A #1	#2								
AND hepatitis B #1	#2	#3							
OR combined hepatitis A and	B #1 #2	#3							
	II Assessment of Functional Ability					your personal in	iterview, a pr	nysical examir	nation, and
Level A—No limitation	ate the candidate' ability to function a	Level C—M			/ pelow. Level D—Mar	ked limitation	□Lev	rel E—Not app	oropriate
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carrying, walking 6 or more miles per day, or spending 12 to 16 hours such as problems with walking		moderate decrea	ase of function	on or special requirements, su		s, such as	corrective a	corrective action has not be	
				ary fr	frequent rest periods, special		chronic pain, loss of stamina		
Additional comments	extensive standing.	work.		m	nedical needs, or m	edical visits.	recurring c	onditions.	
Physician's signature		□ DO	Name of physician				The exam was performed within the last 12 months.		
Physician's office address			City				State or pro		
Country			Postal code				District (if ar	ny)	
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Office phone (with area code)				ress (if av	ailable)				
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