

International Adoption Clinic

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

The International Adoption Clinic at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg serves families of children adopted from outside the United States. We work in conjunction with your child's primary care physician to help assess and manage problems commonly seen in children from other countries. We are available to help you before the adoption and once your child joins you in the United States.

Our Staff:



Juan Dumois, M.D., Director

Dr. Dumois is board-certified in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and General Pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been listed as one of the Best Doctors in America. He is a Florida native and has two young children. Dr. Dumois chairs the Division of Infectious Disease at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.



Joel Shulkin, M.D.

Dr. Shulkin is board-certified in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics and General Pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. His article entitled, "The Changing Landscape of International Adoption and Its Impact on US Families" was published in 2013 by the Illinois Child Welfare Journal. He is originally from New Hampshire, is a former U.S. Air Force officer, and led an adoption clinic in Greenville, South Carolina before joining the staff of Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.

As you plan for international adoption, we can provide:

- * Assessment of child's medical history
- * Review of photographs or videos
- * Travel preparation advice
- * Education about the country of origin and common health problems
- * Education about common developmental and behavioral problems

Please keep in mind that pre-adoption evaluations of medical and photographic records have limited value in detecting or predicting future medical or developmental problems. Such records can help us identify obvious physical or laboratory features which suggest possible medical or developmental problems. However, records can be limited by inaccuracies or poor quality. Also, translations of medical documents may contain terms not familiar to many physicians in the U.S. We will help you interpret the information contained in these translated documents.

When you mail the documents, please include a cover letter with day- and night-time phone numbers where we may reach you. If you include a videotape, please indicate the length of the video on the cover letter. The clinic director will consult with you by phone.



Medical evaluation once your child arrives in the U.S. will include:

- Comprehensive physical exam
- Laboratory screening tests for infectious diseases and vaccine responses
- Evaluation of growth status
- Developmental screening of communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving, and personal-social skills
- Immunization counseling
- Referral to other pediatric specialists, as needed

Please note: We recommend that the clinic visit be postponed until your child has been with you for at least 1-2 weeks to allow some time for adjustment to his/her new environment.

Developmental-Behavioral Follow-up can be scheduled after the initial visit and includes:

- Comprehensive physical exam and neurodevelopmental assessment
- Review of behavior, sleep, feeding, and developmental concerns in socio-cultural context
- Monitoring of development over time and neurodevelopmental testing as needed

Referral and Payment:

For pre-travel evaluation of medical and visual records, the charge is \$150 with a video or \$100 without a video, payable by check to Pediatric Physician Services, Inc.

For clinical evaluations of children, we accept third-party payments from most medical insurance and managed care companies. Some insurers require a referral authorization from your child's primary care physician to be seen by a specialist.

We accept referrals to the clinic from physicians and self-referral by families. All recommendations are forwarded in written form to the child's family and primary care physician.

Extent of Medical Follow-up:

Any specific infection problems will be addressed and treated. Families are invited to see Dr. Shulkin for a developmental-behavior assessment within the first six months post-adoption, and typically return every six months for follow-up and reassessment as needed, or more frequently if specific needs require closer follow-up. Your child's primary care physician will remain the main provider of medical care for the child.

Location:

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
Outpatient Care Center
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