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Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

Dear Anesthesia Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Operation Smile Anesthesia Volunteer! As you know, Operation Smile relies on volunteers to give their time and expertise to help bring smiles to the faces of children at home and around the world.

Enclosed you will find a volunteer application. To help expedite the application process, please submit the completed application along with:

- Current Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Current licensure
- Current Board certification (if applicable)
- Copies of diplomas and degrees
- Current copy of PALS certification

PALS is required for Operation Smile Anesthesia volunteer approval.

Please do not send incomplete application packages. Upon receipt of your complete application packet, it will be forwarded to the Anesthesiology Council Chair for review. The Chair may telephone you to clarify information and will determine the status of your application. This process can take up to 8 weeks.

Operation Smile will inform you of the results of your application. Upon approval by the Anesthesiology Council Chair, an applicant will be entered into the Operation Smile Medical Volunteer database, indicating eligibility to participate on a medical mission. Mission selection guidelines state that all mission teams are to be comprised of at least 50 percent experienced Operation Smile team members and the remainder of the team of new volunteers.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Medical Volunteers Department at 1-888-OPSMILE (888-677-6453) or via e-mail at credentialing@operationsmile.org.

Best regards,

Medical Volunteers Department

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MEDICAL MISSION ANESTHESIA VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name:________________________________ ________________________________ _____________________
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Phone: (_____)_________________________ Work Phone:(_____)_________________________

Cell Phone:(_____)________________ Email:____

Home Address:____

City:_________________________________ State:________ Zip:_______________ Country:___________

Place of Work: ____

Work Address: ____

City: _________________________________ State: ________ Zip: ______________ Country:___________

Preferred Mailing Address (check one): ____Home Address ____Work Address

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE SPECIALTIES

Please select from the following specialties only.

____Anesthesiologist **___ Pediatric Anesthesiologist** **____Nurse Anesthetist**

CURRENT EXPERIENCE: Please indicate which types of patients/programs you have had experience with in the last 3-5 years, and describe your current work.

____Pediatrics (0-6 years old) ____Burns
____Youth (7-14 years old) ____Orthopedics
____Adult (over 14 years old) ____Craniofacial

Please briefly describe the nature of your current work below:

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Please provide details and dates of any Pediatric Fellowships you are currently in or have completed:

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Specialty Training:

	School / Hospital
Cleft Lip	
Cleft Palate	
Burns	
Flaps	
Microsurgery	
Peds Anesthesia	
Other	

Board Certified: ❑ YES Specialty:__________________ Date:_________ ❑ NO

Board Eligible: ❑ YES Specialty:__________________ Date:_________ ❑ NO

Do you still practice in your stated specialty? ❑ YES ❑ NO

Have your medical privileges ever been suspended? ❑ YES ❑ NO

If YES, please explain:____

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PALS Certification: ❑ YES Certification Date: ___________________________________

PALS certification is required to participate on International Missions as an Operation Smile Anesthesia Volunteer.

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Instructor Certification: Operation Smile has initiated a program of taking PALS courses to its mission countries. If you are a certified instructor for PALS and would be interested in participating on one of the training missions, please check the appropriate box(es) and include a copy of your Instructor Certificate with your application. Instructor certification is <u>not</u> required to participate on surgical missions.

❐ PALS Instructor

Have you ever participated in any overseas medical/healthcare work? ❑ YES ❑ NO

If YES, explain: ____

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Languages spoken and sign language (*please indicate level of fluency*): ________________________

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Are you available on short notice to join a mission team?

❑ Yes with 1 – 2 weeks notice

❑ Yes with 3 – 4 weeks notice

❐ No

Short notice availability does not affect the application process but allows Operation Smile to adjust to the changing circumstances of our mission countries and volunteers.

<u>PASSPORT INFORMATION</u>

Passport #:________________________________ Passport Type:________________________

Date of Birth:____________________ Place of Birth:____________________________________

Nationality:____

Issuing Authority name and city:____

Date Issued:______________________________ Expiration:_____________________________

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References

Please provide information for three individuals from within your specialty who can attest to your clinical ability, professionalism, and ability to work as a part of a team in high-stress situations. One of these references MUST be the head of the department where you practice (CRNAs: this should be from the head Anesthesiologist). Our Anesthesia Specialty Council may contact these references during the application review.

Reference #1

Name:____

Position: ____

Company/Hospital: ____

Telephone #:____

Email: ____

For how long did you work closely with this reference? _____ years _____ months

In what capacity did you work with this reference? ____

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Is this reference an Operation Smile volunteer? (circle) YES NO

Reference #2

Name:____

Position: ____

Company/Hospital: ____

Telephone #:____

Email: ____

For how long did you work closely with this reference? _____ years _____ months

In what capacity did you work with this reference? ____

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Is this reference an Operation Smile volunteer? (circle) YES NO

Reference #3

Name:____

Position: ____

Company/Hospital: ____

Telephone #:____

Email: ____

For how long did you work closely with this reference? _____ years _____ months

In what capacity did you work with this reference? ____

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Is this reference an Operation Smile volunteer? (circle) YES NO

APPLICATION PROCESS:

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It is very important that you send all of the above information together with the completed application. If any of the above information is not in the application packet, the application is considered incomplete. You will be notified if your application is incomplete.

Completed application packets will be sent to their respective medical specialty council for review at which time you may be interviewed by telephone or asked to submit additional information. Operation Smile will inform you of the results of your application.

If an applicant is selected for a mission, all of his/her work will be done on a volunteer basis. Transportation and lodging are provided by Operation Smile, but each team member will be required to pay a sponsorship fee ($500) to help defray part of the mission expenses. Mission selection guidelines state that all mission teams are to be comprised of at least 50 percent experienced Operation Smile team members and the remainder of the team of new volunteers.

Please send all forms to:

Operation Smile
Medical Volunteer Management
6435 Tidewater Drive
Norfolk, VA 23509-1600
USA

I have read the above and certify that the foregoing is true, correct and complete. I shall promptly inform Operation Smile if there is any change to the facts herein.

Signature: ___________________________________ **Date:______________________________**