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Dear Prospective Volunteer:

Thank you for interest in the FOCOS Volunteer Program. Prior to making a commitment to FOCOS however, you should be advised and in agreement with the following risks.

If you are a medical provider and intend to provide medical services, you should be aware of medical malpractice issues. Please know that although FOCOS maintains malpractice insurance in Ghana in the amount of approximately \$110,000.00 with a 10% deductible, this insurance may not extend to you for any malpractice claim brought against you personally. We strongly urge that you contact your individual malpractice insurance provider and inquire as to coverage. You may learn that coverage will be provided to you and/or with the proper disclosure and/or additional amount paid, you will be entitled to coverage. FOCOS cannot be responsible for any malpractice claim brought against you personally, for obtaining your personal medical malpractice coverage and/or any amount necessary to be paid for same.

On another note, you should be made aware that patients in Ghana are not routinely tested for HIV, however, should a "needle stick" occur, testing will be done at that time. Moreover, FOCOS is prepared to provide on site drug administration prior to returning to your home country where treatment can continue. Precaution is the best policy regarding handling of sharps and surgical technique.

Lastly, while traveling as a FOCOS volunteer, you assume the same risks as you would if traveling personally. As such, FOCOS cannot be responsible for any theft and/or personal injury that may occur during your travels. It is suggested that you familiarize yourself with any and all insurances pertaining to same.

Historically, these issues have not been a problem or ever encountered, however, it is necessary to advise you of the foregoing. FOCOS thanks you for your interest and anticipated participation in the FOCOS Volunteer Program.

FOCOS Board of Directors

FOCOS Volunteer Signature & Date

Print Name

Please sign the form and fax back to Wanda O'Rear at 212 794-2562.