

AFSC 45E4*, Staff
 AFSC 45E3*, Qualified
 AFSC 45E1*, Entry

★OPHTHALMOLOGIST
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, and treats, by surgical and conservative means, injuries and disorders of the eye. Manages ophthalmologic services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260117.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries of the eye. Provides care in inpatient and outpatient settings. Evaluates medical and surgical histories. Assesses visual and refractive status, measures intraocular pressure, and examines the eye and adnexa. Performs necessary diagnostic procedures and clinical tests. Interprets results, determines treatment plan, and discusses with patient. Coordinates preoperative evaluation. Performs local anesthesia and surgical procedures. Prescribes and administers various ocular and systemic medications. Performs laser surgery.

2.2. Manages ophthalmological services. Formulates plans and procedures for ophthalmological services. Schedules operations and assigns nurses and medical technicians in such functions as refracting eyes and prescribing glasses. Directs nurses in procedures for preoperative and postoperative care and in operating room techniques. Advises on kind and quantity of ophthalmological supplies and equipment. Coordinates ophthalmological services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in ophthalmological procedures. Serves as consultant on ophthalmology.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education requirement satisfies this requirement.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathy degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy is mandatory.

3.3. Training. Not used.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 45E3, completion of a residency of fellowship in Ophthalmology acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 45E3X, completion of a suffix-specific fellowship program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:

3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSC 45E1, current enrollment in an ophthalmology residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For entry and retention of AFSC 45E1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 45E3X/4X:

3.5.2.1. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, when applicable (or be immediately eligible for said privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).

3.5.2.2. A state license to practice medicine.

3.5.3. ★For retention of AFSCs 45E3X/4X, must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, when applicable.

4. *Specialty Shredouts:

Suffix Portion of AFS to Which Related

A	Oculoplastics
B	Cornea/External Disease
C	Glaucoma
D	Neuro-Ophthalmology
E	Pathology
F	Strabismus/Pediatrics
G	Vitreous/Retina