

AFSC 44J4, Staff  
 AFSC 44J3, Qualified  
 AFSC 44J1, Entry

**★CLINICAL GENETICIST**  
**(Changed 31 Oct 23)**

**1. Specialty Summary.** Evaluates, examines, diagnoses and treats genetic diseases and conditions. Manages medical genetics services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260105.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Evaluates, diagnoses, and treats genetic diseases. Prepares and reviews case histories and clinical records. Interviews patients or parents to obtain clinical and family histories and constructs pedigrees. Examines patients, determines need for laboratory or other testing, and interprets pedigrees, examination findings and test results. Counsels patients or parents on recurrence risks and availability of prenatal diagnosis.
- 2.2. Manages medical genetics services. Formulates plans and procedures for medical genetics services. Schedules use of medical genetics clinics, facilities, and laboratories and assigns nurses, nurse practitioners, genetic counselors, medical technicians, and genetic laboratory personnel. Advises on type and quantity of supplies and equipment. Coordinates medical genetics services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in methods and procedures for diagnosis and management of genetic disorders.
- 2.3. Serves as consultant on genetic conditions and diseases.

**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 44J3, completion of a residency or fellowship in medical genetics 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 44J1, current enrollment in a genetics residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44J3/4:
    - 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 44J3/4, 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.