

AFSC 48O4, Staff
AFSC 48O3, Qualified
AFSC 48O1, Entry

★AEROMEDICAL PHYSICIAN
(Established 31 Oct 23)

1. ★Specialty Summary. Administers the Aerospace and Operational Medicine Program; conducts medical examinations and provides medical care for flyers, missile crews, and others with special standards if medical qualification. Evaluates living and working environments to detect and control health hazards and prevent disease and injury within the Air Force community. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260101.

2. ★Duties and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. Provides aerospace medicine support. Implements policies and procedures and prepares directives governing flight medicine, preventive medicine, and occupational medicine. Services as liaison with federal, state, and local agencies in matters related to aerospace medicine, operations medicine, preventive medicine, and occupational medicine. Follow medical standards for flying and special operational personnel and submits recommendations on waivers of medical standards. Develops programs to ensure a fit force for worldwide deployments. Participates in training programs for aeromedical personnel.
- 2.2. Provides preventive medicine support. Directs health education and control measures for preventable diseases and injuries. Determines adequacy of living and work environments. Conducts health promotion and fitness programs. Provides advice on nutrition, food service sanitation, water supply safety, sewage and waste disposal, immunizations, and health education.
- 2.3. Advises medical staff. Advises medical and dental staff on treatment of aircrew and special operational personnel and preparation of patients for aeromedical evacuation. Provides medical advice and guidance to bioenvironmental engineering, military public health, physiological training, and other organizations.
- 2.4. Provides occupational medicine support. Participates in the process of determining frequency and scope of occupational medicine exams required by federal regulations and workplace exposures. Conducts and supervises placement and periodic health exams for employees. Identifies occupational hazards, notifies appropriate agencies of occupational diseases, and job-related injuries or illnesses.
- 2.5. Conducts medical examinations of personnel with special standards of medical care. Examines personnel to determine fitness for flying and special duties, or to recommend continuance, removal, or return to flying status and aviation service.
- 2.6. Provides and organizes medical care for flyers and special operational personnel and their families, to include preventive medicine, counseling, and family unit support. Manages disorders and injuries unique to flying operations. Serves as liaison between flying squadrons and medical services.
- 2.7. Provides medical support to operational mission and military essential tasks and activities. May participate in flying mission on a non-interference basis as an operational support flyer. Develops and manages an aggressive preventive medicine program, including education of flying and special operational personnel in healthy lifestyles. Establishes procedures for aircraft mishap and disaster response and managing casualties in aviation accidents and other disasters. Provides advice on air rescue and aeromedical evacuation.
- 2.8. Provides medical support during contingency operations. Conducts medical prevention, intervention, and evacuation activities during contingency operations. Gathers and utilizes medical intelligence to provide optimal medical support to deployed forces.
- 2.9. Provides medical support during homeland response. Conducts medical prevention, intervention, and evacuation activities during homeland response operations. Gathers and utilizes medical intelligence to provide optimal medical support during homeland response operations.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

- 3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education and experience requirements satisfies this requirement.
- 3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, it is mandatory to possess a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree or a doctor of osteopathy (DO) degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy, and at minimum successfully complete 1 year of graduate medical educations in a training program fully accredited by a recognized national accrediting agency acceptable to Surgeon General, HQ USAF and possess an unrestricted medical license.
- 3.3. Training. For award of AFSC 48O1, completion of all required modules of the formal aerospace medicine training course which includes the Air Force Operational Medicine (AFOM) courses and Aerospace Medicine Primary (AMP) Courses provided by USAFSAM. The Commander, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine awards the Aeromedical Physician AFSC (48O) and certification to Medical Corps who have unrestricted license and complete required training.
- 3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 48O3, designated Fully Mission Capable (FMC) as outlined in Mission Qualification Training (MQT) with MTF/SGP certification and MAJCOM/ SGP approval within 24 months of award of the 48O AFSC.
- 3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:
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 - 3.5.1.1. Possession of Operational Support Flyer status is desired but not required. The 48O AFSC may be awarded if other requirements are completed.
 - 3.5.1.2. Recompletion of Mission Qualification Training (MQT) requirements every 36 months with MTF/SGP certification and MAJCOM/SGP approval.
 - 3.5.1.3. Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Volume 4, Clinical Quality Management in the Military Health System and/or AFI 44-119, Medical Quality Operations, when applicable (or be immediately eligible for said privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position.)
 - 3.5.1.4. A state license to practice medicine.

3.5.2. For retention of AFSCs 48O 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.