

AFSC 44B4 Staff
 AFSC 44B3 Qualified
 AFSC 44B1 Entry

★PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
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1. Specialty Summary. Develops, administers, and conducts general preventive medicine and public health programs. 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: 260120.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Provides preventive medicine support. Implements policies and procedures and prepares directives governing preventive medicine, population health and health care optimization. Serves as liaison with federal, state, and local agencies in matters related to preventive medicine. Develops programs to ensure a healthy and fit force for worldwide develops.

2.2. Directs preventive medicine activities. Directs health, education, and control measures for preventable disease and injuries. Assesses living and work environments to ensure healthy communities. Identifies preventive medicine research projects to control communicable and preventable diseases. Directs population health, health care optimization, health promotion, and fitness programs. Provides nutrition guidance, food services sanitation, water supply safety, sewage and waste disposal, immunizations, and other community health issues. Conducts or provides consultation for disease outbreak investigations and health services research.

2.3. Advises medical staff. Provides medical advice and guidance to bioenvironmental engineering, public health, aerospace medicine, and other organizations. Provides epidemiological and health information management expertise for population-based health services and evidence-based medical practice.

2.4. Directs and provides occupational medicine support in the absence of an occupational medicine or aerospace medicine specialist. Determines frequency and scope of occupational medicine exams required by federal regulations and workplace exposures. Conducts and supervises placement and periodic health exams for employees. Establishes procedures to identify occupational hazards, to notify appropriate agencies of occupational diseases or injuries, and investigate job related injuries or illness.

2.5. Conducts medical examinations of personnel with special standards of medical care. Provides medical support to operational mission and serves as staff advisor as needed. Develops and manages an aggressive preventive medicine program, including education in healthy lifestyles.

2.6. 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.

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 degree or a doctor of osteopathy degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy, a Master's degree or equivalent in public health, and complete 1 year of graduate medical education in a clinical specialty at a hospital acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.3. Training. Not used.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 44B3, completion of residency or fellowship in General Preventive Medicine 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 44B1, current enrollment in a General Preventive Medicine residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44B3/4:

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 44B3/4, 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.