

AFSC 45N4*, Staff
 AFSC 45N3*, Qualified
 AFSC 45N1*, Entry

★OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIST
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, and treats, by surgical and other means, injuries and disorders of head and neck. Manages otorhinolaryngological services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260119.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats, by surgical and other means, injuries and disorders of head and neck. Prepares and reviews case histories and obtains data through interviews. Examines patients and determines x-ray examinations and clinical laboratory tests required. Interprets test results and evaluates examination findings. Determines procedures for preoperative and postoperative care such as administering sedatives, prescribing diets, and preparing operative area of patients. Applies surgical procedures and coordinates operations with anesthesiologist. Administers and prescribes such measures of treatment as antibiotics, drugs, and compresses. Treats patients suffering from surgical shock, postoperative hemorrhages, and other complications.

2.2. Manages otorhinolaryngological services. Formulates plans and procedures for otorhinolaryngological services. Schedules operations and assigns surgeons, nurses, and medical technicians. Directs nurses in procedures for preoperative and postoperative care and operating room techniques. Advises on types and quantity of otorhinolaryngological supplies and equipment. Coordinates otorhinolaryngological services with other professional medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in techniques of head and neck surgery. Serves as consultant on head and neck surgery.

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.

3.4.1. For award of AFSC 45N3, completion of a residency or fellowship in otorhinolaryngology acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 45N3X, completion of 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 45N1, current enrollment in a suffix related residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For award of AFSC 45N1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific fellowship program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 45N3X/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 45N3X/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 Otology/Neurotology
- B Head & Neck Surgical Oncology
- C Pediatric Otolaryngology
- D Facial Plastic Surgery
- E Rhinology & Cranial Base Surgery
- F Laryngology
- G Sleep Surgeon