

AFSC 44R4*, Staff
AFSC 44R3*, Qualified
AFSC 44R1*, Entry

★DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIST
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Makes and interprets diagnostic images; performs special procedures. Manages radiological services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260127.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Makes and interprets diagnostic images. Reviews requests for x-ray, nuclear radiology, ultrasound, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) and other diagnostic imaging procedures and determines applicability of requested procedures. Interview patients as necessary and records supplementary data. Instructs radiologic personnel in desired techniques, positions, and projections. Interprets images and confers with medical and dental officers regarding diagnoses of cases. Prepares comprehensive interpretive reports of findings.

2.2. Performs special procedures. Recommends and performs special imaging procedures, including fluoroscopy, tomography, angiography, nuclear imaging, ultrasound, and computed tomography, MRI and MRA, with limitations of available resources and expertise. Determines need for referral of cases that are not within local capability. Performs and interprets procedures and prepares comprehensive interpretive report of findings.

2.3. Manages radiological services. Formulates plans and procedures for radiological services. Coordinates radiological services with other medical activities. Determines capability of available resources and advises regarding future needs. Assures adequate quality control of images. Establishes and enforces standards for protection of patients and personnel. Schedules examinations and assigns radiologic personnel. Advises on kind and quantity of radiological supplies and equipment. Participates in the delivery of graduate medical education in radiology. Serves as consultant in radiology.

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 44R3, completion of a residency in radiology acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 44R3X, 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 44R1, current enrollment in a radiology residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For entry and retention of AFSC 44R1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44R3X/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 44R3X/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	Neuroradiology
B	Special Procedures
C	Pediatric
D	Nuclear Medicine
E	Musculoskeletal
F	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
G	Body Imaging
H	Cardiothoracic Imaging
J	Women's Imaging