

AFSC 47E4, Staff
 AFSC 47E3, Qualified
 AFSC 47E1, Entry

★ENDODONTIST
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1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and destructive processes, including injuries and abnormalities of dental pulps and periapical tissues of teeth. Directs endodontic services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260302.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases of dental pulps and periapical tissues of teeth. Examines patients and interprets radiographs and pulp tests to determine pulp vitality and periapical tissue condition. Evaluates findings and prescribes method of treatment to prevent loss of teeth and to restore teeth to function. Performs pulpal therapy, surgical treatment of radicular areas, and removal of pathologic periapical tissue. Provides consultation services.

2.2. Directs endodontic service. Formulates and implements procedures governing administration of endodontic service. Plans and schedules endodontists and technical assistants to perform endodontic treatment. Coordinates endodontic services with other dental and medical services. Instructs dental officers and technical assistants in endodontic procedures and techniques.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education and training requirement satisfy this requirement.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an American Dental Association accredited college or university is mandatory.

3.3. Training. For award of AFSC 47E3, completion of a residency in endodontics, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.4. Experience. Not used.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:

3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSCs 47E1, current enrollment in a endodontics residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47E3/4:

3.5.2.1 ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, *Medical Quality Operations* (or be immediately eligible for privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).

3.5.2.2. ★A state license to practice dentistry IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, or

3.5.2.2.1. Must be fully qualified, have passed Part I and II of the National Board, passed regional/state licensure exam, and have/applied for license (ready to work), or

3.5.2.2.2. HPSP/FAP officers must have passed Part I and Part II of the National Board, have taken a regional/state licensure exam prior to entering active duty, and

3.5.2.2.3. License must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at first permanent duty station.

3.5.2.2.4. Residents have 18 months to obtain licensure.

3.5.3. ★ For retention of AFSCs 47E3/4, 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.