

AFSC 44K4\*, Staff  
 AFSC 44K3\*, Qualified  
 AFSC 44K1\*, Entry

**★PEDIATRICIAN**  
 (Changed 31 Oct 23)

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries of infants and children. Manages pediatric services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260121.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries of infants and children, extending into young adulthood. Prepares and reviews case histories and clinical records of infants and children. Examines patients, determines need for x-ray examinations and clinical laboratory tests, and interprets examination findings and test results. Prescribes pediatric treatment.

2.2. Manages pediatric services. Formulates procedures for pediatric services. Schedules use of diagnostic and treatment facilities and assigns nurses and medical technicians. Advises on types and quantity of pediatric supplies and equipment. Coordinates pediatric services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in procedures for diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of infants and children. Serves as consultant on pediatrics.

**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 44K3, completion of a residency or fellowship in pediatrics acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 44K3X, 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 44K1, current enrollment in a pediatrics residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For entry and retention of AFSC 44K1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44K3/4:

3.5.2.1. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW AFI DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or 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 44K3/4, 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.

**4. \*Specialty Shredouts:**

*Suffix      Portion of AFS to Which Related*

A	Adolescent Medicine
B	Cardiology
C	Developmental Pediatrics
D	Endocrinology
E	Neonatology
F	Gastroenterology
G	Hematology
H	Neurology
J	Pulmonology
K	Infectious Diseases
M	Nephrology
N	Child Abuse
P	Sleep Medicine