

AFSC 45S4\*, Staff  
 AFSC 45S3\*, Qualified  
 AFSC 45S1\*, Entry

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

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, diagnoses, and treats, by surgical and conservative means, diseases and injuries. Manages surgery services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260130.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats by surgical means, diseases, and injuries. Prepares and reviews case histories and obtains data through interviews. Examines patient 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 patient. Coordinates surgical operation with anesthesiologist. Applies surgical procedures and assists specialists in performing surgery including thoracic, plastic, brain, and orthopedic. Administers and prescribes such conservative measures of treatment as antibiotics, drugs, and compresses. Treats patients suffering from surgical shock, postoperative hemorrhages, and other complications.

2.2. Manages surgery services. Formulates plans and procedures for surgery services. Schedules operations and assigns surgeons, nurses, and medical technicians. Directs nurses in procedures for preoperative and postoperative care of patients and operating room techniques. Advises on kind and quantity of supplies and equipment. Coordinates surgery services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in surgical procedures. Serves as consultant on 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. For award of AFSC 45S3, successful completion of a residency or fellowship in surgery acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 45S3X, 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 45S1, current enrollment in a surgery residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For entry and retention of AFSC 45S1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 45S3X/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 45S3X/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	Thoracic
B	Colon and Rectal
C	Cardiac
D	Pediatric
E	Peripheral Vascular
F	Neurological
G	Plastic
H	Oncology
K	Trauma/Critical Care