

**AFSC 47D4, Staff**  
**AFSC 47D3, Qualified**  
**AFSC 47D1, Entry**

**★ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGIST**  
**(Changed 31 Oct 23)**

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines and diagnoses pathologic conditions of the oral and paraoral tissues and structures. Directs oral and maxillofacial pathology service. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260303.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Determines nature and extent of oral diseases and abnormal growths. Conducts gross and microscopic examinations of oral, maxillofacial and paraoral tissues and structures. Determines types of tests or examinations and evaluates results to diagnose the nature and progress of diseases. Provides consultation services. Serves as member of local hospital boards and committees appropriate to specialty.
- 2.2. Directs oral and maxillofacial pathology service. Formulates and implements procedures for operation of oral and maxillofacial pathology service. Determines equipment, material, and personnel required to accomplish diagnostic tests and examination. Plans work schedules for laboratory personnel. Coordinates oral and maxillofacial pathology service with other dental and medical services. Instructs dental officers and laboratory personnel in oral and maxillofacial pathology 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 47D3, completion of a residency in oral and maxillofacial pathology, 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 47D1, current enrollment in an oral and maxillofacial pathology residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
- 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47D3/4:
  - 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.
  - 3.5.2.3. ★For retention of AFSCs 47D3/4, 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.