

AFSC 48G4 Staff
 AFSC 48G3 Qualified
 AFSC 48G1 Entry

★GENERAL MEDICAL OFFICER (GMO), FLIGHT SURGEON
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1. Specialty Summary. Administers the Aerospace Medicine Program; conducts medical examinations and provides medical care for flyers, missile crews, and others with special standards of medical qualification. Evaluates living and working environments to detect and control health hazards and prevent disease and injury within the Air Force community. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260101.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Provides aerospace medicine support. Implements policies and procedures and prepares directives governing flight medicine, preventive medicine, and occupational medicine. Serves as liaison with federal, state, and local agencies in matters related to aerospace medicine, preventive medicine, and occupational medicine. Follows medical standards for flying and special operational personnel and submits recommendations on waivers of medical standards. Develops programs to ensure a fit force for worldwide deployments. Participates in training programs for aeromedical personnel.

2.2. Provides preventive medicine support. Directs health education and control measures for preventable diseases and injuries. Determines adequacy of living and work environments. Conducts health promotion and fitness programs. Provides advice on nutrition, food service, sanitation, water supply, safety, sewage and waste disposal, immunizations, and health education.

2.3. Advises medical staff. Advises medical and dental staff on treatment of flying and special operational personnel and preparation of patients for aeromedical evacuation. Provides medical advice and guidance to bioenvironmental engineering, military public health, physiological training, and other organizations.

2.4. Provides occupational medicine support. Participates in the process of determining frequency and scope of occupational medicine exams required by federal regulations and workplace exposures. Conducts and supervises placement and periodic health exams for employees. Identifies occupational hazards and notifies appropriate agencies of occupational diseases and job-related injuries or illness.

2.5. Conducts medical examinations of personnel with special standards of medical care. Examines personnel to determine fitness for flying and special duties, or to recommend continuance, removal, or return to flying status and aviation service.

2.6. Provides and organizes medical care for flyers and special operational personnel, to include preventive medicine, counseling, and family unit support. Manages disorders and injuries unique to flying operations. Serves as liaison between flying squadrons and medical services. May provide dependent care, within the scope of their privileges, as determined by assignment location.

2.7. Provides medical support to operational mission and serves as staff advisor to flying squadron commander. Regularly participates in flying mission. Inflight duties include evaluation of aircrew, aircraft, environment, and mission to provide feedback and guidance to line and medical staff. Develops and manages an aggressive preventive medicine program, including education of flying and special operational personnel in healthy lifestyles. Establishes procedures for aircraft mishap and disaster response and managing casualties in aviation accidents and other disasters. Provides advice on air rescue and aeromedical evacuation. Serves on aircraft mishap investigation boards. Participates in flying safety and aircrew enhancement programs.

2.8 Provides medical support during contingency operations. Conducts medical prevention, intervention, and evacuation activities during contingency operations. Gathers and utilizes medical intelligence to provide optimal medical support to deployed forces.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education and experience requirements satisfies this requirement.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, it is mandatory to possess a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree or a doctor of osteopathy (DO) degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy, and complete at least 1 year of graduate medical education in a training program fully accredited by a recognized national accrediting agency acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.3. Training. For award of AFSC 48G1, completion of a primary course in aerospace medicine is mandatory IAW AFI 48-149, *Flight and Operational Medicine Program (FOMP)* as outlined in Initial Qualification Training (IQT).

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 48G3, designated Fully Mission Capable (FMC) IAW AFI 48-149 as outlined in Mission Qualification Training (MQT).

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. For award and retention of AFSC 48G3/4,

3.5.1.1 Initial physical qualification for aircrew duty according to AFI 48-123, *Medical Examinations and Standards*, certified initial flying Class II flight surgeon physical exam is required for entry into the career field.

3.5.1.2. Possess an aeronautical rating of Flight Surgeon, Senior Flight Surgeon, or Chief Flight Surgeon

3.5.1. MTF/SGP certification and MAJCOM/SGP approval.

3.5.1.1. ★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).

3.5.1.2. A state license to practice medicine.

3.5.2. ★ For retention of AFSCs 48G3/4, 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. Member may be disqualified from flying duties (DNIF or disqualified from flying) and maintain their AFSC and clinical privileges to practice within 48G1/3/4 as long as they maintain unrestricted privileges to practice as an independent provider. Those permanently disqualified from flying duties may not be assigned to a squadron medical (SME) billet.