

**AFSC 45A4\* Staff**  
**AFSC 45A3\* Qualified**  
**AFSC 45A1\* Entry**

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

**1. Specialty Summary.** Administers general and local anesthetics; manages anesthesiological services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260105.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Administers general and local anesthetics. Determines anesthetics to be used, considering such factors as patient's condition and operation to be performed. Records observations while administering such anesthetics as ether, sodium pentothal, and nitrous oxide. Coordinates administration of anesthetics with surgeons during operation. Maintains life support.
- 2.2. Manages anesthesiological services. Formulates plans and procedures for anesthesiological services. Assigns nurses and medical technicians. Advises on kinds and quantity of anesthesiological supplies and equipment. Schedules use and provides for maintenance of surgical suite, including operating, wash-up, and waiting rooms and anesthetic and sterilizing equipment. Coordinates anesthesiological services with other medical activities. Instructs personnel in methods and procedures for administering anesthetics. Serves as consultant on anesthesiology. Also serves as consultant for respiratory physiology problems and ventilator management for intensive care facilities.

**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 45A3, completion of a residency or fellowship in anesthesiology acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 45A3X, 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 45A1, current enrollment in an anesthesiology residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For award of AFSC 45A1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific fellowship program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.
  - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 45A3X/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 45A3X/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:**

*Prefix      Portion of AFS to Which Related*

A	Cardiothoracic
B	Pain Management