



## **RESIDENCY TRAINED FLIGHT SURGEON (48Rx)**

Administers the aerospace medicine program; conducts medical examinations and provides medical care for flyers, missile crews, and others with special standards of medical qualification and their families. Evaluates living and working environments to detect and control health hazards and prevent disease and injury within the Air Force community.

### **Alternate Titles:**

None

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### WHAT THEY DO

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. 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, public health, physiological training, and other organizations. Conducts medical examinations of personnel with special standards of medical care. Examines personnel requiring special medical care standards to determine fitness for flying and special duties, or to recommend continuance, removal, or return to flying status and aviation service. Provides and organizes medical care for flyers and special operational personnel and their families, to include prospective medicine, counseling, and family unit support. Manages disorders and injuries unique to flight medicine.

Provides specialty consultation to aeromedical staff. Serves as liaison between flying squadrons and other medical services. Provides medical support to operational mission and serves as staff advisor to flying squadron commander. Regularly and participates in the 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 and aggressive preventive medicine program, including education of flying and special operational personnel in healthy life styles. 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 performances enhancement programs.

#### SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Must possess a doctor of medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathy degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy.

Completion of a primary course in aerospace medicine and a residency at a hospital acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF is mandatory.

A minimum of 12 months of experience as a residency trained flight surgeon is mandatory.

Must possess an aeronautical rating of Flight Surgeon, Senior Flight Surgeon, or Chief Flight Surgeon.