

**FLIGHT SURGEON:**

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The stresses and conditions that result from working in extreme conditions require unique, specialized care. Aerospace Medicine Specialists/Flight Surgeons are primary care physicians for pilots and crew members traveling in air or space. These physicians discover, prevent and manage the various physiological responses that result from encountering exceptional environments, enabling our Airmen to stay in peak condition and continue their jobs in the air.

**Job description:**

Participate in flying activities and become familiar with today's modern Air Force aircraft. Conduct medical examinations and provide care for air and missile crews. Determine fitness for flying and special duties as well as evaluating living and working environments to detect and control health hazards. Regularly participate in flying missions to observe and advise on aeromedical issues. Develop and manage preventive medicine programs, including the education of flight personnel in healthy lifestyles. Establish procedures for managing casualties in aviation accidents and other disasters. Provide advice on aeromedical evacuation and serve on aviation mishap investigation boards. Serve as the liaison between flying squadrons and medical services.

**Eligibility:**

- Attend drill at their units one weekend each month and perform, at a minimum, 15 days of paid active duty each year designated as annual training.
- Completion of annual tours that may be performed in various locations, including Air Force medical installations throughout the United States and abroad.
- Must be a graduate of a medical school approved by the Surgeon General, USAF, or of a foreign medical school with permanent certification by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates.

- Must have a license in a state, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Guam.

**Military grade:**

- Your military rank is determined by a combination of your education, training and experience.

**Military pay:**

- A combination of your rank and length of any prior military service will determine your pay.

**Requirements:**

- M.D. or D.O. degree and completed an ACGME- or AOA-accredited program of postgraduate specialty training
- Completion of Officer Training School course
- Completion of a primary course in aerospace medicine
- Must possess an aeronautical rating of Flight Surgeon, Senior Flight Surgeon or Chief Flight Surgeon
- Completion of a residency at a fully accredited residency program
- Minimum 12 months of experience as a flight surgeon (Aerospace Medicine Specialist only)
- Board eligible in Aerospace Medicine (Aerospace Medicine Specialist only)
- Must be between the ages of 18 and have not reached your 48th birthday (extended age qualifications may apply)
- Be a United States citizen
- Be in good physical condition