

**Orthopedic Surgeon  
(Traditional Position)**

**AFSC 45B3**

**\*\*\*\*CLOSEOUT DATE: INDEFINITE\*\*\*\***

AUTHORIZED GRADE: Lieutenant Colonel

DUTY LOCATION: 166th Medical Group, New Castle County Airport, New Castle, DE.

***Position is open to commissioned officers (LTC and below) and personnel seeking a commissioning opportunity, who meet the identified Specialty Qualifications.***

**SPECIALTY SUMMARY:**

Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries of musculoskeletal system by surgical and conservative means. Manages orthopedic surgery services. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260132.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries of musculoskeletal system by surgical and conservative means and application of corrective mechanical devices. Prepares and reviews case histories and obtains data through interviews. Examines patients and determines x-ray examinations and clinical laboratory tests required. Interprets test results and evaluates examination findings. Determines procedures for preoperative and postoperative care such as administering sedatives, prescribing diets, and preparing operative area of patients. Applies surgical procedures and coordinates operation with anesthesiologist. Reduces and immobilizes fractures by open or closed methods, using such corrective devices as braces, casts, and splints. Administers and prescribes such conservative measures of treatment as antibiotics, drugs, and compresses. Treats patients suffering from surgical shock, postoperative hemorrhage, and other complications. Manages orthopedic surgery services. Formulates plans and procedures for orthopedic surgery services. Schedules operations and assigns surgeons, nurses, and medical technicians. Directs nurses in procedures for preoperative and postoperative care and operating room techniques. Advises on kind and quantity of orthopedic supplies and equipment. Coordinates orthopedic surgery services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in orthopedic surgery procedures. Serves as consultant on orthopedics.

**SPECIALITY QUALIFICATIONS:**

Fulfillment of education requirement satisfies the knowledge requirement.

### **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.

### **EXPERIENCE:**

For award of AFSC 45B3, completion of a residency or fellowship in orthopedic surgery acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 45B3X, completion of an additional residency or fellowship program related to the suffix and acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Individuals seeking a commission must graduate from the Academy of Military Science (AMS) prior to their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday (selection will be based on availability of AMS class dates). Candidates in exceptional circumstances can be commissioned up to age 40 if they have active service time.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

The following items must be included in the application package:

- *Resume*
- *Copy of AFOQT Scores*
- *Certified College Transcript*
- *Current Record Review Rip*
- *Printout of a current AF Physical Fitness Score (AF only; if currently serving in another branch of the service, please include equivalent documentation; N/A to non-prior service)*

Application packages must be forwarded to:

*166 FSS/FSM (ATTN: CMSgt Ottinger)  
2600 Spruance Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720-1615*

**Following initial screening, resumes will be forwarded to 166 MDG/MAO for interview/selection process. Personnel having additional questions concerning the squadron should contact Lt Col Michael Pollock at Commercial: 302-323-3387, DSN 445-7387, or robin.pollock@ang.af.mil.**