

# **AIR FORCE OFFICE OF MEDICAL SUPPORT**

## **MISSION**

The Air Force Office of Medical Support is involved daily with the Air Force Surgeon General. The office develops medical care programs and guidance relating to health care support services and to the delivery of health care for Air Force personnel. It acts as an agent of the surgeon general to put medical programs into effect.

## **LINEAGE**

Air Force Office of Medical Support

## **STATIONS**

Brooks AFB, TX

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The Air Force Office of Medical Support (AFOMS) is a separate operating agency with headquarters at Brooks AFB, Tex. The AFOMS Commander also serves on the staff of the Surgeon General, USAF, as the Director of Health Care Support.

The Air Force Office of Medical Support assists the Air Force Surgeon General in developing programs, policies, and practices relating to Air Force health care in peace and war. It acts for the Surgeon General to put policies and directives into effect. The office is organized into the Directorate of Health Care Support and selected Professional Affairs Activities.

The Directorate of Health Care Support develops plans, programs, and management guidance through its four divisions and one office: Bio-metrics Division, Health Facilities Division, Medical Service Information Systems Division, Medical Logistics Division, and the Medical Service Management Innovation Office. The Air Force Medical Logistics Office, located at Fort Detrick, Md., is also assigned to AFOMS.

The Biometrics Division creates and monitors reporting systems to collect biostatistical data on medical service functions, services, and operations including patient administration, clinical records, outpatient records, and patient affairs activities within all medical facilities.

The Medical Facilities Division serves as focal point for Air Staff management and coordination of all matters pertaining to medical facilities through the Military Construction Program, facilities maintenance and improvements, and medical facility design.

Systems Division monitors the development, acquisition, installation, and application of computer-based medical information handling and retrieval systems. This division is the automated data processing single manager for medical service operations and performs special procedural and cost benefit analyses.

The Medical Logistics Division develops plans and policies concerning medical material supply and equipment, biomedical equipment maintenance and repair, service contracts, and medical material support of medical service missions during wartime.

The Air Force Medical Logistics Office, Fort Detrick, Md., is an operational element of the Medical Logistics Division. It functions as an operational control center for medical material in direct support of all base medical facilities, major commands, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and various defense supply centers. The direct contact point with Defense Personnel Support Center and all USAF material activities, it is the USAF single manager of the medical commodity and provides technical operational guidance and surveillance of base and major command medical material maintenance activities.

The Medical Service Management Innovation Office is responsible for fostering, collecting, and disseminating all medical innovative practices throughout the Air Force medical community worldwide. The office develops programs and procedures to collect and compile ongoing comprehensive listings of all current and proposed innovative practices implemented within all

Air Force medical treatment facilities.

The Professional Affairs Activities consists of two programs and one committee, each serving as consultants to the Surgeon General in their particular areas of expertise.

The Health Promotion Program provides policy and guidance to major command and medical treatment facility program coordinators by disseminating health information on various components of wellness. The program staff develops and monitors health promotion publicity programs and collects data on the work load activities.

The Family Advocacy Program manages, monitors, and coordinates policy and guidance for the Air Force Family Advocacy Program, Children Have a Potential (CHAP) program, and the Air Force Child and Spouse Abuse Program. The program represents the Air Force on the DoD Family Advocacy Committee, consults with major commands on family advocacy, child and spouse abuse, and the CHAP program, and serves as military consultant for the Surgeon General in social work/family advocacy functional areas.

The USAF Radioisotope Committee coordinates administrative and regulatory aspects of licensing, pos-session, use, storage, handling, and disposal of all radioactive material in the Air Force and acts as the only point of Air Force contact with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on matters of licensing of radioactive material.

AFOMS is directly involved on a daily basis with the Air Force Surgeon General, other Air Staff directorates, major commands and other federal agencies. A continuing interchange is required as operational policy and practices for medical support are developed and implemented.

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