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**AFI 48-149, 28 February 2003, is supplemented as follows:**

This supplement applies to all squadron Medical Elements (SMEs) assigned, attached, or tenant to the 51st Fighter Wing and associated with Osan Air Base.

1.5.2.1. (Added) Monitors immunizations, dental, physical examination, and physical fitness requirements of SMEs. Processes government driver's license, line badge, security clearance, and other base requirements for SME personnel.

1.5.2.2. (Added) Approves off-duty employment applications in coordination with 51 AMDS/CC (officers) or NCOIC, Flight Medicine Flight (enlisted).

1.5.4.1. (Added) The SME technician will notify the NCOIC, Pharmacy as soon as a deployment tasking occurs. If the deployment is short notice and occurring after regular duty hours, then the SME technician will contact Emergency Services to contact the pharmacy technician on call in order to gain access to a medical kit that is kept locked in the pharmacy.

1.5.5.1. (Added) The unit may budget for one or more CME TDYs per year for the SME flight surgeon. Flight surgeons should attempt to take centrally funded courses or apply for Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) funding to conserve squadron resources. The Flight Medicine Flight Commander or 51 AMDS/CC will review SME flight surgeon requests for CME to ensure appropriateness of course content. If the course content is approved, the requests will be submitted by the SME flight surgeon to his flying unit for funding. Any additional CME should be centrally funded through AETC, AFIT, MAJCOM, etc. (CME for flight surgeons is required for medical credentialing and licensure).

1.5.10.1. (Added) The 51 FW units with SMEs are the 36 FS and the 25 FS. SME personnel will wear the parent squadron and wing patches on their required uniforms. Flight surgeons attached to the 55 ALF have the option of wearing 55 ALF, 51 AMDS, or 51 FW patches. All uniform wear will be IAW AFI 36-2903 and supplements.

1.5.10.2. (Added) Allows technicians to be housed in the medical dormitory to enhance medical response capability. SME technicians who reside in the 51 MDG dormitory may be assigned bay orderly by the 51 AMDS/CC or First Sergeant (after coordination with the parent squadron).

1.6.1. Provides and monitors all necessary OJT on SME personnel, to include necessary support documentation. Monitors CME requirements on SME flight surgeons. Coordinate enlisted AFSC specific specialized training (Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), advanced medical standards course, etc.). Provides medical readiness training for SME personnel as required by AFI 41-106, *Medical Readiness Planning and Training*.

1.6.3. IAW AFI 41-120, the Director of Base Medical Services (DBMS) will supervise professional activities of SME flight surgeons through the Chief, Aerospace Medicine (SGP). The NCOIC, Flight Medicine Flight, will supervise medical activities of the technicians.

1.6.5. In support of deployments, temporary personnel shortfalls in the SME due to leave, TDY, illness, etc, will be filled, when possible, by personnel assigned to the other 51 FW SME positions. When required, the vacancy will be filled with 51 AMDS resources. The squadron's request for 51 AMDS personnel must be coordinated with the 51 AMDS/CC.

1.6.7. (Added) Provides space to house SME members in the 51 AMDS dormitory at an equal priority to 51 AMDS personnel.

1.6.8. (Added) The Pharmacy OIC/NCOIC will ensure: All medications required for deployment are replenished in the quantities specified on the authorized drug list; one kit is available at all times; all expired medications in the kit are replaced; deployment kits will be inspected quarterly.

1.7.2. Medical care at Osan AB will be rendered within the 51 MDG, building 777. SME technicians will work in the Flight Medicine Clinic and will be supervised by the respective department NCOIC. Specific duties, work schedules, and daily supervision are established by the NCOIC, Flight Medicine Flight. Flight Surgeons are assigned medical duties by the Flight Medicine Flight Commander and the assigned fighter squadron commander. Duties include clinical medicine (sick call and appointments) and non-clinical duties (flying, shop visits, squadron briefings, etc.). Flight surgeon duties are delineated in the master-planning schedule maintained in the Flight Medicine Clinic and in AFI 48-101, *Aerospace Medical Operations*. The supervision of medical duties is delegated to the Flight Medicine Flight Commander who is appointed by the 51 AMDS/CC.

1.8.1. The parent squadron administers career counseling (enlisted personnel) and conducts selective reenlistment program interviews. The scheduling of professional military education will be in coordination with the 51 AMDS/CC, Flight Medicine Flight Commander or NCOIC, Flight Medicine Flight.

2.3.1. SME personnel are attached for duty to 51 AMDS when not deployed. When not in conflict with required duties at the assigned fighter squadron, duty responsibilities will be identical to the respective positions held by medical group personnel, e.g., committee participation, details, Medical Officer of the (MOD), Readiness training, Flight meeting, etc. SME personnel will be carried on the flying unit's strength report.

2.5.1. (Added) To ensure the Flight Medicine Clinic remains appropriately staffed, the SME's will request approval for leave, permissive TDYs, and continuing medical education (CME) initially through the NCOIC, Flight Medicine, Flight Medicine Flight Commander or 51 AMDS/CC before submitting

request (usually via LeaveWeb) to supervisor. SME personnel will project as far in advance any leave/TDY intentions, utilizing the leave/TDY projection maintained by the Superintendent, 51 AMDS.

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