

## 97 MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 97 Medical Support Squadron provides support and ancillary services to the 97 Medical Group, which serves approximately 7,460 active duty, retirees and family members in the Altus area. The squadron consists of 55 military and civilian members in six flights providing a variety of administrative and medical support functions.

The flights are Diagnostics and Therapeutic services; Resource Management; TRICARE Operations Patient Administration; Systems; Medical Logistics and Medical Readiness. The squadron executes a \$5.7 million annual budget and supports readiness missions of the group and the 97 Air Mobility Wing.

Diagnostics and therapeutic services flight provides diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services for patients, providers and other customers. Services include pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic imaging (radiology) and are the hub of clinical support services.

Resource management flight plans, programs, allocates and accounts for total 97th Medical Group manpower and operating funds by performing billing and collecting, data analysis, workload accounting, business planning and other related functions. Additionally, it is responsible for the 97th Medical Group Commander Support Staff operations.

TRICARE Operations Patient Administration (TOPA) flight plans, develops and implements the managed care program to include beneficiary and provider services, analysis and utilization management, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) and

interaction with the regional managed care program (TRICARE).

Systems flight oversees a broad array of computer systems and ensures the medical group keeps abreast of evolving technological opportunities for enhancing information management. The flight acquires and maintains the systems, provides user education and ensures future requirements are anticipated and met.

Medical logistics flight provides materiel, both medical and non-medical, equipment, maintenance and services, and manages war reserve materiel and transportation in support of the medical mission. In addition, it is responsible for facility management maintaining a vibrant safety program.

Medical readiness flight manages the planning, scheduling and tracking of the unit's peacetime/wartime disaster response/mobility training and schedules medical group disaster and contingency exercises. They are the readiness advisor to the group commander; overseas maintenance of unit mobility program. In addition, medical readiness develops and monitors comprehensive medical contingency plans and support agreements with wing agencies.

#### **LINEAGE**

97 Medical Support Squadron

Activated, 14 Oct 1994

Inactivated, 12 Feb 2007

Activated, 17 Aug 2007

#### **STATIONS**

Altus AFB, OK, 14 Oct 1994

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

97 Medical Group

#### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1993 – 30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998–30 Jun 1999  
1 Jul 1999–30 Jun 2000  
1 Jul 2000–30 Jun 2002  
1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2004–30 Jun 2006  
1 Jul 2006–30 Jun 2007  
1 Jul 2007–30 Jun 2008  
1 Jul 2008–30 Jun 2009  
1 Jul 2009–30 Jun 2010  
1 Jul 2010–30 Jun 2011  
1 Jul 2011–30 Jun 2012

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a mullet of six throughout Argent, surmounted by a column in base Silver Gray beneath a winged caduceus, staff Sable, wings Or and snakes Buff, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "97TH MEDICAL SUPPORT SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "CORROBORO PER STATUMEN" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The column represents the Squadron's medical support to its parent unit. The winged caduceus symbolizes the medical profession. The snakes allude to the care and professionalism rendered by Squadron personnel. The star represents the six different aspects of support provided by the unit. (Approved, 3 Jun 1998)

### **MOTTO**

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### **OPERATIONS**

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