

USAF REGIONAL HOSPITAL, CARSWELL



MISSION

The USAF Hospital Carswell is a 250 bed specialized treatment facility providing medical services to Carswell Air Force Base and the surrounding area. The mission includes hospital and clinic services, aerospace medicine, physiological training, preventive medicine, and veterinary services. Medical specialties include: General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Dermatology, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Oral Surgery and Urology.

Medical services are provided all eligible personnel assigned to Carswell Air Force Base and the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In addition, USAF Hospital Carswell is designated as a regional hospital. Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas; Wbb AFB, Big Spring, Texas; Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas; and Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX are bases included in the region. As a military consultant hospital, specialty services are provided all hospitals in the region plus James Connolly AFB, Texas, Biggs AFB, Texas, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. All of the above base hospitals transfer many patients to Carswell for further treatment. Specialists from this Hospital make regular trips to the various hospitals in the area. Carswell is not limited to the regional area; however, many patients are transferred in by aeromedical evacuation from all over the world.

The USAF Hospital Carswell provides histopathology services to hospitals in the consultant area. In addition, Headquarters USAF and the American College of Surgeons have authorized a Tumor Registry. The hospital is authorized to refer cases directly to the Physical Evaluation Board permanently convened at Lackland Air Force Base. Accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has been continually in effect since the hospital was opened in 1958.

Training is a major mission of USAF Hospital Carswell. Both medical and dental interns are

assigned. Additionally, the hospital conducts residency training in hospital administration and dietetics. Approximately 40 laboratory technicians are given advanced training each year. These airmen are assigned to medical units all over the world following training at Carswell.

LINEAGE

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Redesignated USAF Regional Hospital Carswell

STATIONS

Carswell AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Quintino Serenti, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The present, permanent, composite facility was opened in the Spring of 1958 at a cost of \$5,200,000.00. A modern Dental Clinic, Physiological Training Building, and Veterinary Services Building are located outside the main structure. The facilities are among the most modern in the Air Force.

USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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