

USAF HOSPITAL, UPPER HEYFORD



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USAF Dispensary, Upper Heyford
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OPERATIONS

The USAF Hospital, Upper Heyford, is a ten-bed facility located in building 477. Normal hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Emergencies will be treated at all hours. A new hospital is in the planning stages.

The hospital is staffed by physicians, dentists, nurses, supporting administrative personnel and sub-

professional staff normally found in any Air Force medical facility. There are also Flight Medicine, Military Public Health and Veterinary Services. Supporting services include Pharmacy, Laboratory, X-Ray and Optometry. Pediatric and Internal Medicine services are available by appointment and other specialty care is available by referral to supporting hospitals for both inpatients and outpatients.

Outpatient services are available either in-house or by referral to supporting hospitals for specialty services. Obstetrical care is provided by an OB-GYN nurse practitioner. This care includes prenatal counseling, prescriptions, necessary laboratory tests as well as weekly examinations. Delivery and inpatient obstetrical care is provided at RAF Lakenheath or at local civilian hospitals.

Complete dental care is provided for all assigned military personnel. The military sponsor is responsible for the dental health of his dependents. It is strongly recommended that all dependents have all dental treatment completed prior to departing the CONUS. Although emergency care is available at all times, the availability of routine dependent dental treatment is extremely limited due to the lack of personnel and facilities. Initiation of any routine care is done by examination during the sponsor's birth month, on a space available basis only, and determined by the existing military workload. An orthodontist is assigned to our facility and continuation of treatment is provided for those patients already having fixed appliances (braces) in place. Initiation of new orthodontic cases is possible, if the workload permits. If treatment cannot be started, the patient may be referred to the civilian economy and some of this orthodontic treatment may be eligible for CHAMPUS aid. CHAMPUS does not apply to routine dental care.

The Veterinary Services provide a Zoonoses Control Clinic in bldg 36, operated on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., by appointment only. Emergency treatment is administered at any time. Limited service to pet owners is provided at minimal fees. Immunizations, treatment of fungal and other skin diseases and infections are provided plus issue of health certificates.

All military personnel, civilian employees and dependents traveling to the United Kingdom are required to receive the necessary immunizations prior to their departure from the United States. Immunization requirements for the U.K. are outlined in Air Force Regulation 171-13, Immunization Requirements and Procedures.

Immunizations may be obtained from any Armed Forces medical facility upon presentation of a copy of the passport authorization letter or dependent travel orders. If dependents are not located within a reasonable traveling distance of an Armed Forces medical facility, immunizations must be obtained from civilian medical sources at the individual's expense. Such costs will not be reimbursed by the Government. Dependents should not plan to procure immunizations during processing at the port of embarkation. They should be completed before the port call date.

All immunizations and reimmunizations received by dependents are recorded on Public Health Service Form 731, International Certificate of Inoculation and Vaccination. Dependents using civilian medical facilities must obtain a statement from the attending physician attesting to the immunizations received. Upon presentation of this statement, the surgeon at the port will furnish the dependent Public Health Service Form 731 on which he will record all shots received.



The USAF Hospital Upper Heyford is a 40-bed operating facility.

Specialities represented include: OB/ GYN, Family Practice, general and thoracic surgery, psychiatry, internal medicine, radiology, hystopathology and aerospace medicine.

To preclude the inconvenience and irritation commonly associated with long waits, we request that personnel utilize our centralized appointment system. Appointments can be made from on- base by calling 6240 or from off-base by calling Upper Heyford 2001. The appointment desk is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. When making an appointment, be prepared to give some background information about your problem as this will allow the clerk to make the appointment with the correct practitioner.

Military Sick Call: From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary, just report to the hospital during that time. If your problem is not acute and you would like more time when you see the practitioner, please make an appointment.

Primary Care Clinic: Service is available for active duty military personnel, dependents and all other beneficiaries from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can be made up to five

days in advance. There will be a limited number of appointments set aside for personnel requiring urgent or semi-emergency care. Appointments can be made by calling the numbers listed in paragraph three.

Emergency Services: A medical emergency, simply defined, is that requiring care to alleviate undue suffering to prevent loss of life or limb. If you feel your problem is an emergency, the emergency room is staffed 24 hours a day. Colds, coughs or chronic conditions do not constitute an emergency. If ambulance service is required, call on-base 116 or off-base Upper Heyford 2900. The British Emergency Ambulance Service can be reached by dialing 999 and should be used for anyone who is not in the immediate area of the base.

Pediatric Services: Children up to the age of 16 are seen by our pediatrician on an appointment basis.

Appointments can be made by calling the numbers listed in paragraph three. A copy of the pediatric immunization schedule can be obtained at the Pediatric Clinic. Well- Baby Clinic appointments are scheduled for one, two, four, six, nine, 12 and 18 months and yearly thereafter. Parents should call the appointment desk far enough in advance to obtain an appointment when the baby will be the specified age. Well children who do not have an appointment should not be brought to the clinic so as to prevent unnecessary exposure to communicable diseases.

The Optometry Clinic is located in the hospital. Patients needing glasses can obtain them either through the clinic or on the economy. For military personnel who do not wish to have the free black plastic frame and dependents and authorized civilian personnel who desire to obtain glasses, there is a small selection of civilian-type plastic frames which can be purchased.

The hospital operates an immunization clinic for routine immunizations. Additionally, this clinic conducts allergy tests. All allergy patients must be referred by a physician or other practitioner.

General obstetrical or gynecological care is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All GYN appointments are made by calling the central appointment desk. Maternity care is initiated by calling direct to the clinic at Upper Heyford 6316. Military sick call for active duty members is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. Refills for birth control pills can be obtained, if PAP

smear is current. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

The mental health clinic offers individual and marital family counseling; psychological testing and evaluation; Children Have a Potential Program: social work referral and consultation service; inpatient and outpatient care. Appointments can be made in person or by telephone.

Dental services are available in the hospital. Military sponsors are responsible for the dental health of their dependents. Initiation of any treatment (except emergencies) is accomplished by examination of dependents during the sponsor's birth month. Appointments are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and may be made by calling 6217 during the first five days of the month. If any appointments are still available after the first five days, they will be made available to all eligible personnel. People with emergencies should call 6217 and a sick call appointment will be made as soon as possible. All dental clinic visits will be made on an appointment basis.

Flouride supplements are advisable for all children to age 12. They can be obtained any time during duty hours by reporting to the dental clinic.

Orthodontic care is available on a space available basis to those dependents who arrive on station with fully banded appliances already in place. New cases will be referred to local orthodontists and be solely the responsibility of the sponsor. Dental care under CHAMPUS is not authorized, except when related to a medical condition.

Advice and assistance on CHAMPUS are available on an appointment basis. Appointments may be made by contacting the Health Benefits advisor at 6280. If you see a civilian physician under CHAMPUS, we strongly urge you to seek this assistance as soon as possible, particularly if hospitalization is required.

Flying personnel and their families are seen in the Flight Surgeon's office at all times by appointment only. Appointments are made by calling Upper Heyford 6262.

Veterinary Service: A small animal clinic is conducted in building 36, located near the commissary. Call 4947 for appointments.

Project CHAP is available to assist military personnel and their spouses who have unmarried children of any age who are emotionally disturbed or physically or mentally handicapped and