

OSTEOMYELITIS (BONE INFECTION)

All Classes
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DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Single episode fully resolved	If the AME can determine the condition has fully resolved with no residual sequelae which would interfere with flight duties:	ISSUE Summarize findings in Item 60.
B. All others - Currently on antibiotics 2 or more lifetime episodes - Chronic or recurrent infection - Functional limitation or required amputation	Submit the following for FAA review: - A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with an infectious disease specialist or treating physician no more than 90 days before the AME exam. <i>It should include a summary of the history of the condition or diagnosis; current medications, dosages, and side effects (if any); clinical exam findings; results of any testing performed; diagnosis; assessment and plan (prognosis); and follow-up.</i> It must specifically include: Etiology or any underlying cause with frequency of episodes (chronic or recurrent) and likelihood to reoccur. Any functional limitations.	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance. Summarize findings in Item 60. If not addressed in the progress note, the AME should describe any functional limitations that could affect the pilot's ability to operate aircraft controls.