

**SINUS CONDITIONS**  
**SINUSITIS**(Acute or Chronic infection; Deviated Nasal Septum);  
**SINUS OBSTRUCTION** (Nasal Cysts; Nasal Polyps; or Sinus Tumor)  
All Classes  
(Updated 09/25/2024)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p><b>A.</b></p> <p>Acute infection(s) from any cause requiring medication(s) or not</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Deviated nasal septum (not causing obstruction) corrected or not</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Recurrent, isolated infections which clear can be followed under Row A.</p>	<p>If the AME can determine the condition has resolved without sequelae with no symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties:</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> If the airman is currently on antibiotics or symptomatic, the treatment course should be completed before medical certification can be considered.</p> <p>Verify medications listed are acceptable. 61.53 applies.</p> <p>Pilots should not fly with a “cold” or viral upper respiratory tract infection, or with the condition of rhinosinusitis.</p>	<p style="background-color: #008000; color: black; text-align: center;"><b>ISSUE</b></p> <p><b>Annotate</b> this information in Block 60.</p>
<p><b>B. Chronic</b> or severe (hospitalized for infection)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Affected by barometric changes</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Sinus Obstruction from nasal polyps or cysts, tumor, anatomic (deviated nasal septum)</p>	<p>If the AME history and physical exam confirm the condition is chronic, severe, or symptomatic, the airman should not fly until resolved.</p> <p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <p><b>1.</b> A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating ENT (preferred) or allergist no more than 90 days before the AME exam. It must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed summary of the history of the condition.</li> <li>• Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any);</li> <li>• Physical exam findings;</li> <li>• Results of any testing performed;</li> <li>• Diagnosis;</li> <li>• Assessment and plan (prognosis); and</li> <li>• Follow-up.</li> </ul>	<p style="background-color: #ff0000; color: black; text-align: center;"><b>DEFER</b></p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.</p>

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	<p><b>2.</b> Personal statement discussing symptoms, severity, how often they occur, and treatment used, any prior surgery or trauma.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Sinus CT imaging (report) already performed;</p> <p><b>4.</b> Results of evaluation(s) for underlying conditions such as polyps, ciliary dysmotility syndrome, autoimmune disease, immune suppression, or anatomic abnormalities;</p> <p>Pilots should NOT fly with a "cold" or viral upper respiratory tract infection, or with the condition of rhinosinusitis.</p>	

NOTE: For Sinus Obstruction due to tumor, see that section