

More Information...

Seminars

Residents are responsible for the preparation and presentation of daily/weekly seminars in the assigned topics. Weekly seminars are held in pathology, otology, pediatrics, audiology, head and neck surgery and anatomy. Surgical Grand Rounds as well as Journal Club are held on a monthly basis.

Provision is made for financial assistance for one course or meeting annually for each resident. If presenting a paper at a recognized meeting, expenses will also be covered. Residents are required to write the Surgical Foundations Examination in their second year of training.

Academic Activities

- Daily Seminars
- Monthly Journal Club
- Grand Rounds
- National In Training Exam
- Annual Otolaryngology Research Day
- Annual Department of Surgery Research Day
- PALS and ATLS

Training Sites

- University of Alberta Hospital
- Royal Alexandra Hospital
- Misericordia Hospital & Grey Nuns Hospital
- Cross Cancer Institute
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital

Quick Facts:

- Residents may travel inter-provincially and or internationally to do electives.
- The ratio of residents to faculty is 13:20.
- There are no mandatory rural rotations.

Selection Criteria:

Selection criteria in this program are as follows:

Acceptable academic record

A demonstrated interest and aptitude in the specialty with applicants completing a broad range of electives including Otolaryngology

A demonstration of facility in the technical aspects as related to this specialty

The basic three reference letters should include at least one and/or be supplemented by additional references from an Otolaryngologist.



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Otolaryngology– Head & Neck Surgery Residency Program

Program at a Glance

Otolaryngologists are physicians trained in the medical and surgical management and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat (ENT) and related structures of the head and neck.



Their special skills include diagnosing and managing diseases of the sinuses, larynx (voice box), oral cavity, and upper pharynx (mouth and throat), as well as structures of the

neck and face.

Otolaryngologists diagnose, treat, and manage specialty-specific disorders as well as many primary care problems in both children and adults.

The Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Program at the University of Alberta is a five year program which is fully approved by the Royal College and includes off service rotations in Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery and ICU followed by three years in Otolaryngology.

In addition to the clinical aspects, there is a well established educational program consisting of compulsory seminars, teaching rounds and journal clubs

PGY-1 Year: The Foundations of Surgery Year consists of the following rotations:

- 4 blocks of Otolaryngology
- 2 blocks of Pediatric Otolaryngology
- 1 block of Emergency Medicine
- 1 block of Anesthesia
- 1 block of General Surgery
- 1 block of Neurosurgery
- 1 block of CCU
- 4 weeks vacation

PGY-2 Year: is a component of the 2-year Foundation of Surgery Program with appropriate modifications for each specific discipline.

- 2 blocks of Intensive Care
- 2 blocks of Plastic Surgery
- 2 weeks of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- 2 weeks of elective
- 1 block of Thoracic Surgery
- 2 blocks of Paediatric Otolaryngology
- 3 blocks of Head and Neck
- 2 blocks of General Otolaryngology

PGY-3 Year: This year consists of 13 blocks of on service rotations.

- Otolaryngology rotation at GNH
- Rhinology at the UAH
- Paediatric Otolaryngology
- General Otology
- Head and Neck Surgery
- Facial Plastic Surgery

PGY-4 Year: The residents may choose to take up to a three block elective during this year. Traditionally the residents at this level spend a one to two month period as a senior resident on the Head and Neck and Otology Service.

- Otology
- Head and Neck Surgery
- Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- 2 blocks of Rhinology
- General Otolaryngology

PGY 5 Year: The fifth year of Otolaryngology is considered the Chief year and is a crucial step in preparing the resident to qualify for the Royal College exams in Otolaryngology. The PGY-5 year may also include a one block elective and consists of:

- 3 blocks of Ambulatory Care
- Rotations in Otology, Rhinology, H&N

Research

Residents participate in research projects beginning in their PGY-1 year and are generally expected to complete one project per year. The projects are coordinated by the Research Director. The intention is to have these papers presented at the Provincial and National Societies Annual meetings and the Resident Research Days with the Department of Surgery and the Division of Otolaryngology.