



Undergraduate Medical Education Elective

Surgery – Otolaryngology

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Elective Description

Elective opportunities are offered to medical students through the Department of Otolaryngology at the JGH or RVH. The facilities are available to two students at each institution at any one time.

The elective period in Otolaryngology is clinical. The medical student is incorporated into the Otolaryngology service, as a house officer, and actively participates in the clinics, on the wards and in the Operating Room.

Several subspecialty units and laboratories are available within the Department:

- Head and Neck - Surgical Oncology Service
- Otolaryngology-Neurology Skull Base Surgery Unit
- Vestibular Lab and Dizziness Clinic
- Laryngology Unit and Voice Lab
- Rhinology Unit
- Pediatric Otolaryngology
- Audiology Centers
- Speech and Language Centers

Elective Duration

2, 3 or 4 weeks



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Educational Objectives

By the end of the rotation, the student should have adequate knowledge to care for basic problems in the broad area of Otolaryngology, which encompasses otology, neuro-otology, vertigo and dizziness, rhinology, laryngology, head and neck surgery, maxillo-facial surgery and broncho-esophagology. The student is expected to acquire an understanding of the presentation and management of common problems seen in Otolaryngology. Skills in how to examine the otolaryngology patient as well as surgical skills will be stressed.

Scope of Work

The students are expected to attend weekly University Grand Rounds and all departmental conferences. They are expected to participate on regular ward rounds with the resident and attending staff. In addition, they are expected to do a small project or give a presentation at the end of the rotation.

The student can also spend time in general OTL clinic and in operating room. A 20-minute case presentation (with pertinent literature review) is to be given at the end of the elective during the OTL department rounds.



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