

Educational Objectives for Elective Rotation

Residents planning electives are asked to plan in advance and give thought to the rationale for the elective – e.g. where the elective fits in their training, how it will add to their experience and education. The Program Director is always available to discuss elective options as are the rest of the teaching faculty.

Please Note: The **Elective Proposal Form** (attached) must be filled in and submitted to the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery program assistant before the elective can be considered approved. Some guidelines for the development of learning objectives are listed below.

After completion of the elective block **residents have 30 days** to submit an “Elective Rotation Reflection” to the Program Director, stating whether or not their objectives of the elective block were met, and what aspects of their elective they liked or disliked. A template for the **Elective Rotation Reflection** is attached.

Suggestions for the Development of Learning Objectives

Development of objectives need not be an onerous task. One suggestion is to simply identify the key points/concepts or skills that will be encountered as part of the elective. These will form the backbone for your learning objectives.

Effective learning objectives have the following characteristics in that they are:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Appropriate
- Realistic
- Time bound

Well-written educational objectives meet the following criteria:

- They are learner/participant oriented
- They give a description of the learning outcome desired
- They are clear and understandable
- They are observable

You may find it helpful to use active terminology to write the objectives as outlined below.

At the conclusion of the rotation the resident will be able to:

- Effectively plan endoscopic sinus procedures based on clear understanding of radiographic anatomy
- Critically appraise sinus CT scans in preparation for surgery
- Identify potential pitfalls and anatomical predispositions to complications
- Demonstrate competent handling of endoscopes and endoscopic sinus surgery instruments