

Objectives and Goals for Residency Training

Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Western University

Overall Goals of the Program

The mission of the residency-training program at Western University is to produce graduates who have all skills and competencies necessary to function as a consultant in General Otolaryngology as well as the ability to transition seamlessly into post-graduate fellowship training.

It is expected that graduates will acquire and demonstrate competencies in all of the CanMEDS (Canadian Medical Education Directions for Specialists) roles as outlined by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. These competencies are organized into domains of Medical Expert, Communicator, Collaborator, Manager, Health Care Advocate, Scholar, and Professional (see Appendix 1).

These overall goals will be accomplished via a series of specifically designed rotations and employing a graded escalation of responsibility commensurate with the trainee's level of training and ability.

The training program consists of 4 specific rotations over 3 separate physical sites. It is recognized that the 3 sites have different but overlapping areas of subspecialty exposure.

- The **University Hospital Campus of LHSC (LHSC-UH)** site will provide trainees with in-depth exposure to Otology, Otoneurology/Skull Base Surgery, and Rhinology/Endoscopic Sinus Surgery.
- The **St. Joseph's Health Care London (SJHC)** site will provide trainees with in-depth exposure to Facial Plastic Surgery and Trauma, General Otolaryngology, and Rhinology/Endoscopic Sinus Surgery.
- The **Victoria Hospital Campus of LHSC (LHSC-VH)** site will provide in-depth exposure to Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery, Paediatric Otolaryngology, Otology, and Laryngology.

It is expected that exposure to General Otolaryngology will occur at all sites in the Operating Rooms, Outpatient Clinics, In-patient wards, and Emergency Departments. It is also acknowledged that, while specific subspecialty expertise may be concentrated at one site or another, it is not necessarily limited to these

sites and that there will be overlap, particularly in areas of Paediatrics, Otolaryngology, and Rhinology.

Achievement of the overall objectives of the Program will also be accomplished through off-service rotations in areas such as Pathology, Head and Neck Radiology, Community/Rural Otolaryngology, as well as Elective rotations.

Definitions of Resident Levels:

Chief Resident – shall refer to the administrative chief resident responsible to call schedules and other logistical issues pertaining to the training program such as Journal Clubs etc.

Senior Resident – shall refer to residents in PGY-4 or PGY5. On rare occasion a PGY-3 resident may function in this capacity when desirable for training purposes.

Intermediate Resident – shall refer to a PGY-3 resident with at least one year of Otolaryngology training.

Junior Resident – shall refer to a PGY-2 resident with less than one year of Otolaryngology training.

Off-Service Otolaryngology Resident – shall refer to a resident in the Otolaryngology training program who is in his/her year of Core Surgery training.

Overview of Rotations:

SJHC (RFP): This rotation will take place over three sites – SJHC, LHSC-VH (LRCP – London Regional Cancer Program) and LHSC-UH with the main site being SJHC. This will involve exposure to advanced Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery with Dr. B. Rotenberg and Dr. L. Sowerby, Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery with Dr. C. Moore and General Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery with Dr. Kathy Roth.

LHSC-UH (ONO): This rotation will take place over two sites – LHSC-UH and SJHC. This will involve exposure to Otolaryngology & Otolaryngology with Dr. L. Parnes and Dr. S. Agrawal, and Anterior Skull Base Surgery with Dr. B. Rotenberg and Dr. L. Sowerby.

LHSC-VH (HN): This rotation will be at LHSC-VH. It will involve exposure to Head and Neck Surgery, Oncology, and Reconstructive Surgery with Drs. J. Yoo, K. Fung, D. MacNeil and A. Nichols.

LHSC-VH (HN-L): This rotation will be at LHSC-VH. This will involve exposure to Head and Neck Surgery & Laryngology with Dr. K. Fung.

LHSC-VH (PED): This rotation will be at LHSC-VH. It will involve exposure to Paediatric Otolaryngology with Drs. M. Husein, J. Strychowsky, and J. Paradis.

Resident Distribution (Blocks Spent at Each Site by PG Year):

Level of Resident		SJHC (RFP)	LHSC-UH (ONO)	LHSC-VH (HN)	LHSC-VH (HN-L)	LHSC-VH (PED)
PGY-2	2+11	3	2	3	1	2
PGY-3	3 +10	3	2	2	1	2
PGY- 4	2+11	3	2	3	1	2
PGY-5	1+12	3	3	3	1	2

Rotations for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Residents

PGY-1	
Neurosurgery	1 month
Thoracic Surgery	2 months
Pediatric General Surgery	1 month
Plastic Surgery	2 months
Endocrinology	1 month
Adult Emergency Medicine	1 month
Paediatric Emergency Medicine	1 month
General Surgery	2 months
Anaesthesia	1 month
HN or RFP	1 month

PGY-2	
CCTC	2 months
LHSC-VH (HN)	3 months
LHSC-VH (HN-L)	1 month
LHSC-VH (PED)	2 month
SJHC (RFP)	3 months
LHSC-UH (ONO)	2 month

PGY-3	
Elective	1 month
Pathology	1 month
Neuroradiology	1 month
LHSC-VH (HN)	2 months
LHSC-VH (HN-L)	1 month
LHSC-VH (PED)	2 months
SJHC (RFP)	3 months
LHSC-UH (ONO)	2 months

PGY-4	
Elective	2 months
LHSC-VH (HN)	3 months
LHSC-VH (HN-L)	1 month
LHSC-VH (PED)	2 months
SJHC (RFP)	3 months
LHSC-UH (ONO)	2 months

PGY-5	
LHSC-VH (HN)	3 months
LHSC-VH (HN-L)	1 month
LHSC-VH (PED)	2 months
SJHC (RFP)	3 months
LHSC-UH (ONO)	3 months
Study Time	1 month