Family Medicine Residency
Otolaryngology (ENT) Rotation
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Rotation Goals

The main goal of the ENT rotation is to provide residents with experience in outpatient management, admission, evaluation, treatment and interaction with subspecialty physicians of pediatric and adult patients.

The resident will become familiar with the following goals:

- outpatient management of common illnesses, pathology and complaints presenting to otolaryngology specialists.
- guidelines for elective tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, and placement of tympanostomy tubes
- observation of appropriate physical exam tactics on the nasopharynx, oropharynx and sinuses.
- review the latest research regarding care of critically ill adult medicine patients
- understand and appreciate methods of evaluation and treatment of patients presenting to an ENT clinic for care from the point of view of Board Certified Otolaryngologist.

Supervision

Direct observation by precepting physicians. Dr. Preston at the Jackson Clinic – 145 Innovation Drive, Jackson TN 38305, 731-422-0213

Rotation Objectives

By the end of the Otolaryngology (ENT) rotation, PGY I residents are expected to expand and cultivate skills and knowledge learned during previous training and to achieve the following objectives based on the six general competencies. The resident should exhibit an increasing level of responsibility and independency as he or she progresses throughout the year.

Competency	Required Skill(s)	Teaching Method(s)	Formative Evaluation Method(s)	Frequency of Evaluation
Patient Care	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	Perform a comprehensive history and physical examination of the pediatric and adult patient.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Develop a rational plan of care for patients including diagnostic testing, initiation and alteration of medications, and specialty consultation	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly

	Maintain adequate, compassionate communication between the patient and medical staff.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Develop skills that allow for up to date, compassionate care of the pediatric and adult patients under the care of otolaryngology while integrating evidence based medicine and local standards of care.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Under direct supervision perform the following procedures generally performed on ENT patients. • tympanoscopy • facial/sinus imaging (xray/CT) evaluation (5) • nasopharyngoscopy	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
Medical Knowledge	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	Develop an understanding of normal anatomy and physiology as it relates to the diagnosis and management of ENT patients	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Develop an understanding of the following ENT diseases and disorders including but not limited to: 1. Otitis media a. Indications for use of ventilation tubes 2. Otitis externa 3. Cerumen impaction (ceruminosis) 4. Tinnitus 5. Hearing loss 6. Vertigo 7. Facial Palsy 8. Rhinitis 9. Sinusitis 10. Epistaxis a. Cautery b. Packing i. Anterior ii. Posterior 11. Pharyngitis 12. Paratonsillar abscess	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly

	13. Indications for tonsillectomy/Adenoidectomy 14. Horseness 15. TMJ dysfunction 16. Dysphagia 17. Salivary gland enlargement 18. Croup 19. Epiglottitis 20. Masses/neoplasia a. Oropharynx b. Nasopharynx c. Neck d. Risk factors for malignancy 21. Indications for tracheostomy 22. Obstructive Sleep apnea 23. Carotidynia 24. Stomatitis 25. hernangina 26. Oral manifestations of HIV 27. TM perforation			
	Develop adequate knowledge of the common disorders of the critically ill adult medical patient as managed by board certified sub specialist in otolaryngology	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
Practice Based Learning and Improvement	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	See General Family Medicine Objectives for a comprehensive list.			
	Develop tools to help meet the needs of patients	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Incorporate evidence based medicine and resources into the care of ENT patients.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Review current literature relevant to the care of individual patients and the community.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly

		Self Directed Learning		
Interpersonal and Communication Skills	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	See General Family Medicine Objectives for a comprehensive list.			
	Communicate effectively with patients and their families while in the presence of their daily preceptor.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Convey information in a clear and concise manner to patients, families, and other health professionals (i.e., use appropriate vocabulary choice, realistic outcomes, and working with difficult patients and family)	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
Professionalism	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	See General Family Medicine Objectives for a comprehensive list.			
	Provide compassionate care to all patients regardless of gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, sexual orientation or socioeconomic class	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Provide high quality medical care to all patients regardless of gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, sexual orientation or socioeconomic class.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
	Behave in a professional manner when interacting with patients or other health care providers.	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly
Systems-Based Practice	**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**			
	See General Family Medicine Objectives for a comprehensive list.			
	Develop a better understanding of the appropriate role of subspecialty medicine in evaluation and treatment of disorders of the ear, nose and throat. When should I consult?	Conferences/Didactics Daily Rounds Research Discussions Self Directed Learning	Direct Feedback Global Evaluation	Daily Monthly

Educational Resources

Staffel, J. Gregory MD Primary Care Otolaryngology.(Recommended by preceptor Dr.Kirkland)
www.uptodate.com (available free through www.utdol.com in Jackson General Hospital based computers)
The Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics, 2nd edition
Practical Guide to The Care of the Medical Patient, Fred Ferri 6th edition
www.epocrates.com
www.emedicine.com
http://www.stfm.org/oralhealth/