

Description of Resident Rotation: Otolaryngology Elective Rotation

I. General Information

- A. Rotation Length: 2 weeks
- B. Faculty: Richard Merrick, M.D. (Coordinator)
Eugene Peterson, M.D.
Robert Brown, M.D.
- C. Logistics: Residents will participate in a variety of outpatient otolaryngology clinic experiences. A schedule will be provided prior to the rotation describing where the resident should report to participate in these clinics. The clinics will be held at Broadlawns Medical Center and at the Des Moines and West Des Moines offices of Iowa Head and Neck Associates, P.C.
Des Moines office - 3901 Ingersoll Avenue (274-9135)
WDM office - 1300 37th Street (224-1441)

II. First Day Orientation

- A. The resident will be provided, prior to the rotation, a schedule of what clinics they will attend on a daily basis for the two week rotation.
- B. The resident should contact Dr. Merrick (via secretary Amy at 274-9135) prior to the start of the rotation to arrange the schedule for the rotation and orientation on the first day.

III. Objectives and Description of Rotation

- A. The primary educational purpose of this rotation is to assure competency in the office examination of the head and neck areas. The resident should become familiar with those aspects of care in otolaryngology that are diagnosed and managed by general internists and those that should be referred to, or managed jointly with, otolaryngology specialists.
- B. The principal teaching method will be assessment of patients who present to Drs. Merrick, Peterson and Dr. Brown for evaluation. The resident will have an opportunity to independently evaluate patient complaints and perform a careful head and neck examination. Drs. Merrick, Peterson and Dr. Brown will then review the examination findings with the resident and discuss management concerns.

- C. Subjects that will then be reviewed during the month include:
1. Approach to the patient with otitis
 2. Approach to the patient with sinusitis
 3. Approach to the patient with pharyngitis
 4. Evaluation and screening for oral cancer
 5. Evaluation of hearing loss
 6. Evaluation and treatment of epistaxis
 7. Evaluation of vertigo and tinnitus concerns
 8. Evaluation of nasal obstruction or discharge
 9. Approach to the patient with hoarseness, stridor or difficulties swallowing
 10. Approach to the patient with snoring and sleep apnea concerns

IV. Ancillary Educational Materials

- A. Residents can review the text ABC of Otolaryngology, Third Edition by H. Ludman, BMJ Publishing Group, London, available in the residency office.
- B. Residents should also review Chapter 14: Ear, Nose and throat Problems in Primary Care Medicine, Third Edition by A.H. Goroll, L.A. May and A.G. Mulley, Lippencott Company, Philadelphia, 1995 (pp 983-1020).
- C. Additional articles in otolaryngology may be provided by Drs. Merrick, Peterson and Dr. Brown when appropriate, to address specific patient care issues encountered during the rotation.

V. Patient Care

- A. Patient Volume: This will vary depending on clinic rotation and scheduling concerns and the complexity of patients assigned to the resident for evaluation on a given day.
- B. Medical Records: The resident will assist in completing the record for each patient visit they are involved with, as directed by the supervising faculty.
- C. Continuity of Care Clinic: Residents are required to attend their two afternoon continuity clinics during the rotation.

VI. Evaluation

At the end of the rotation, the resident will be evaluated by the supervising faculty. Personal feedback will be provided and an electronic evaluation form will be completed and returned to the residency office. The evaluation form will be reviewed and signed by the resident.

The resident will be evaluated by faculty in each of the required six general competency areas as follows:

1. **Patient Care:** Demonstrate ability to effectively interview and examine patients with a variety of different otolaryngology concerns.
2. **Medical Knowledge:** Demonstrate understanding of common otolaryngology problems encountered in patients and understand indications for referral.
3. **Practice-Based Learning:** Demonstrate ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in the care of patients with common otolaryngology concerns and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps.
4. **Interpersonal and Communication Skills:** Demonstrate adequate communication abilities in dealings with patients seen during the rotation. Demonstrate timely and complete medical records.
5. **Professionalism:** Demonstrate respectful behavior towards patients and families, colleagues, nurses and other allied health personnel. Always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
6. **Systems-Based Practice:** Collaborate with nursing and other allied health care providers to assure timely, comprehensive care provided and assure proper follow-up is arranged.

