Otolaryngology Rotation
Goals and Objectives

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Description of Rotation
This is a one-month rotation in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at GRU. Resident work hours will not exceed the allowed 80 hours per week. While in the otolaryngology department, anesthesiology residents will have full access to all laboratory, medical record, and ancillary services necessary to function on our service. Our departmental library will also be available for their use along with various other educational resources.

Goals
The residents will:

1. Acquire the knowledge and skills, including procedural skills, needed to rapidly assess, intervene, and stabilize all patients presenting for care in an otolaryngology department regardless of age, gender, or presenting complaint
2. Acquire the skills to perform a focused and adequate evaluation of a patient presenting to the otolaryngology service related to the chief complaint, and to subsequently treat, educate, and arrange appropriate follow up.
3. Learn and practice proper documentation of the medical record.

Supervision
All clinical activities by residents and fellows are directly supervised by faculty. The faculty understand that residents and fellows progress at different rates. Progress is scrutinized and discussed among faculty members in an effort to identify any problems in the trainee’s development that may warrant added attention.

Objectives

1. To work with the attending in the initial evaluation and treatment of patients presenting to the otolaryngology service.
2. To perform an adequate history and physical examination related to the chief complaint and to be able to accurately and concisely present patients to the attending and other residents.
3. To demonstrate cost-effective laboratory test selection, with awareness of the sensitivity, specificity, and cost of the test in relation to the patient’s complaint.
4. To be able to give a differential diagnosis for each clinical patient problem.
5. To be able to outline an appropriate treatment plan, including when not to treat, and to be able to defend such a plan to the attending physician, and to explain the reasons for the plan to the patient and family.
6. To perform under observation basic otolaryngologic procedural skills including head and neck exam and indirect laryngology.
7. To demonstrate an ability to clearly and legibly document on the chart the patient’s history, physical examination, clinical course, assessment, and plan, including documentation of patient instructions.

8. To demonstrate effective communication skills with peers, patients, families, attendings, residents, fellows, nurses, and other staff.

**Didactics**

The residents will be free from clinical duties to attend regularly scheduled 5 hours of conferences each week.

**Contact Information**

Mandy Jones, Residency Program Coordinator, will be the contact person for any problems or changes. Her number is 706-721-4307.

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