Seminars
Residents are responsible for the preparation and presentation of daily/weekly seminars in the assigned topics. Weekly seminars are held in pathology, otology, pediatrics, audiology, head and neck surgery and anatomy. Surgical Grand Rounds as well as Journal Club are held on a monthly basis.

Provision is made for financial assistance for one course or meeting annually for each resident. If presenting a paper at a recognized meeting, expenses will also be covered. Residents are required to write the Principles of Surgery (POS) Examination in their second year of training.

Academic Activities
- Daily Seminars
- Monthly Journal Club
- Grand Rounds
- National In Training Exam
- Annual Otolaryngology Research Day
- Annual Department of Surgery Research Day
- PALS and ATLS

Training Sites
- University of Alberta Hospital
- Royal Alexandra Hospital
- Misericordia Hospital & Grey Nuns Hospital
- Cross Cancer Institute
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital

Quick Facts:
Residents may travel inter-provincially and/or internationally to do electives.
The ratio of residents to faculty is 11:14
There are no mandatory rural rotations.

Selection Criteria:
Selection criteria in this program are as follows:
Acceptable academic record
A demonstrated interest and aptitude in the specialty with applicants completing a broad range of electives including Otolaryngology
A demonstration of facility in the technical aspects as related to this specialty
The basic three reference letters should include at least one and/or be supplemented by additional references from an Otolaryngologist.

Interviews via CaRMS

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Otolaryngologists are physicians trained in the medical and surgical management and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat (ENT) and related structures of the head and neck.

Their special skills include diagnosing and managing diseases of the sinuses, larynx (voice box), oral cavity, and upper pharynx (mouth and throat), as well as structures of the neck and face.

The Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Program at the University of Alberta is a five year program which is fully approved by the Royal College and includes off service rotations in Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery and ICU followed by three years in Otolaryngology.

In addition to the clinical aspects, there is a well established educational program consisting of compulsory seminars, teaching rounds and journal clubs.

Program at a Glance

**PGY 1 Year:** The Foundations of Surgery Year consists of the following rotations:
- 4 blocks of Otolaryngology Surgery
- 1 block of Emergency Medicine
- 2 block of Pediatric Otolaryngology
- 1 block of Anesthesia
- 1 block of General Surgery
- 1 block of Neurosurgery
- 1 block of CCU
- 4 Weeks vacation

**PGY 2 Year:** is a component of the 2-year Foundation of Surgery Program with appropriate modifications for each specific discipline.
- 2 blocks of Intensive Care
- 2 blocks of Plastic Surgery
- 1 block of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- 1 block of Thoracic Surgery
- 2 blocks of Paediatric Otolaryngology
- 5 blocks of Head and Neck

**PGY 3 Year:** This year consists of 13 blocks of on service rotations.
- Otolaryngology rotation at GNH.
- Rhinology at the UAH
- Paediatric Otolaryngology
- General Otology
- Head and Neck Surgery
- Facial Plastic Surgery

**PGY 4 Year:** The residents may choose to take up to a three block elective during this year. Traditionally the residents at this level spend a one to two month period as a senior resident on the Head and Neck and Otology Service.
- Otology
- Head and Neck Surgery
- Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- 2 blocks of Rhinology
- General Otolaryngology

**PGY 5 Year:** The fifth year of Otolaryngology is considered the Chief year and is a crucial step in preparing the resident to qualify for the Royal College exams in Otolaryngology. The PGY-5 year may also include a one block elective and consists of:
- 3 blocks of Ambulatory Care
- Rotations in Otology, Rhinology, H&N
- Rotations at the RAH & GNH

**Research**

Residents participate in research projects beginning in their PGY 2 year. If they wish to do a project earlier, they may do so but this is not mandatory. The projects are coordinated by the Research Director. The intention is to have these papers presented at the Provincial and National Societies Annual meetings and the Resident Research Days with the Department of Surgery and the Division of Otolaryngology.