Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery

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Residency

The Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery offers a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The program has two tracks: a five-year clinical track and a seven-year research track. Five applicants are accepted each year, three to the clinical track and two to the research track.

The clinical track provides five years of concentrated clinical study and application in all aspects of otolaryngology. Residents begin their training with a five-week intensive basic science course divided into an anatomy component and a 100-hour lecture series. The anatomy component includes a supervised cadaver dissection, and the lecture series details the study of otolaryngology and related disciplines. Residents also complete two research rotations in order to explore research areas that interest them.

The research track is a combined clinical-research program designed for residents interested in an otolaryngology research career. After an internship year, residents complete two years of research followed by four years of clinical training. The interaction of clinicians and basic scientists from several departments affords residents the opportunity for involvement in a wide spectrum of current research in areas such as electrophysiology of the auditory system, the genetics of head and neck cancer, and gene therapy.