

*These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.*

## **MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Five (5) years of approved residency training. This period must include:

1. Two (2) years (26 blocks\*) of foundational training in surgery. This period is under the direction of the Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Program Director in collaboration with the Surgical Foundations program coordinator. This initial period of postgraduate training allows the acquisition of knowledge, skills and attitudes underlying the basics to the practice of surgery in general and preparatory to further training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (Please see Objectives for Surgical Foundations training). Rotations during these first two years must include:
  - 1.1. Between ten (10) and thirteen (13) blocks\* in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery or designated related specialties
  - 1.2. A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) blocks, doing 1-3 block rotations in each of the following surgical rotations:
    - 1.2.1. Neurosurgery
    - 1.2.2. Plastic Surgery and/or Facial Reconstructive surgery
    - 1.2.3. General Surgery
  - 1.3. Up to six (6) blocks doing 1-2 block selective rotations in any of the following:
    - 1.3.1. Pediatric General Surgery
    - 1.3.2. Thoracic Surgery
    - 1.3.3. Emergency Medicine
    - 1.3.4. Internal Medicine and relevant subspecialties
    - 1.3.5. Pediatrics
    - 1.3.6. Oral and maxillofacial surgery
    - 1.3.7. Oncology (Radiation, Medical)
  - 1.4. A minimum one (1) block rotation on a service that provides initial trauma management (such as Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, trauma team, oral and maxillofacial surgery, or Plastic Surgery) ‡

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- 1.5. A minimum of one (1) block rotation and a maximum of two (2) blocks in Critical Care Medicine
- 1.6. A one (1) block rotation in Anesthesiology
2. Three (3) years (39 blocks) of approved resident training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. This period must incorporate the principle of increasing graded responsibility and must include:
  - 2.1. Experience in all the following Otolaryngology subspecialty domains while on Otolaryngology rotations:
    - 2.1.1. Head and neck surgery (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.2. Pediatric otolaryngology (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.3. Facial plastic and reconstructive surgery (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.4. Rhinology (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.5. Laryngology (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.6. Otology (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.7. Neurotology (minimum 3 blocks)
    - 2.1.8. General otolaryngology (minimum 6 blocks)
  - 2.2. May include up to six (6) blocks in clinical or basic research in a program approved by the Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Program Director

**NOTES:**

\* For the purposes of this document, a “one (1) block rotation” should be considered four weeks or one month.

† The requirement for the trauma rotation can be met by the requirement for Plastic Surgery or General Surgery if the rotation involves coverage of head and neck trauma in which the Resident has significant exposure.

Royal College certification in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery requires all of the following:

1. Successful completion of a 2-year Royal College Surgical Foundations curriculum;
2. Successful completion of the Royal College Principles of Surgery examination;
3. Successful completion of a 5-year Royal College accredited program in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery;
4. Successful completion of the certification examination in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery; and

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5. Participation in a scholarly project related to Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, as attested by the Program Director.

The program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirements. Additional training may be required by the program director to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

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