Elective: Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

OVERVIEW

The elective in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (Otolaryngology) aims to help students manage common Otolaryngology disease, recognize urgent Otolaryngologic scenarios, and consider a career in Otolaryngology.

INTRODUCTION

Location(s):

Students will rotate through Health Sciences Centre (General Hospital and Children's) and St. Boniface General Hospital. They can expect to attend clinics in both hospitals, as well as some private offices.

Preceptors:

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES (CanMEDS)

Medical Expert

As Medical Experts, physicians integrate all of the CanMEDS Roles, applying medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes in their provision of patient-centered care.

The student can expect to be actively involved in the service. This will encompass:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Identify and manage common Otolaryngology problems
  - Recognize urgent Otolaryngology situations

Communicator

Physicians effectively facilitate the doctor-patient relationship and the dynamic exchanges that occur before, during, and after the medical encounter.

As Communicators, students will facilitate the doctor-patient relationship:
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- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Know when to refer to an Otolaryngologist.

**Collaborator**
Physicians effectively work within a healthcare team to achieve optimal patient care.

As Collaborators, students will work effectively within the surgical team to achieve optimal patient care:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Work with other health care team members, including audiology, speech language and pathology, nursing, and administration

**Leader**
Physicians engage with others to contribute to a vision of a high-quality health care system and take responsibility for the delivery of excellent patient care through their activities as clinicians, administrators, scholars, or teachers.

As Leaders, students will participate in the activities of the surgical service, making decisions, allocating resources, and contributing to the effectiveness of the health care team:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Recognize which patients are indicated for Otolaryngology referral and Otolaryngology testing (MRI, CT, Audiology, etc)

**Health Advocate**
Physicians responsibly use their expertise and influence to advance the health and well-being of individual patients, communities and populations.

As Health Advocates, students will responsibly use their expertise and influence to advance the health and well-being of individual patients, communities and populations:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Promote smoking cessation to help prevent Otolaryngology cancers and disease

**Scholar**
Physicians demonstrate a lifelong commitment to reflective learning, as well as the creation, dissemination, application and translation of medical knowledge.

As Scholars, students will demonstrate a lifelong commitment to learning:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  - Apply the medical literature and guidelines in management of Otolaryngology problems

**Professional**
As Professionals, physicians are committed to the health and well-being of individuals and society through ethical practice, profession-Led regulation, and high personal standards of behaviour.
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As Professionals, students are committed to health and well-being of individuals through ethical practice, profession-led regulation and high personal standards of behavior:

- By the end of the elective the student will be able to:
  o Work with patients and health care team members in a respectful, collaborative, and professional manner.

INFORMATION

Required Reading

Primary Care Otolaryngology
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
Weblink to PDF and online versions:
http://www.entnet.org/content/primary-care-otolaryngology-online

Evaluations

Elective students should arrange an exit interview with the UGME Director for Otolaryngology.

WARD ACTIVITIES

Expectations

Students will be exposed to both medical (clinical) and surgical aspects. Electives can be tailored based on the student's objectives. Students will rotate through Health Sciences Centre (General Hospital and Children's) and St. Boniface General Hospital. They can expect to attend clinics in both hospitals, as well as some private offices.