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Spotlight on:

Otolaryngology

Overview

From [AAMC Careers in Medicine](#) >choose your specialty>Otolaryngology

An otolaryngologist surgeon provides comprehensive medical and surgical care for patients of all ages with diseases and disorders that affect the ears, nose, throat, the respiratory and upper alimentary systems, and related structures of the head and neck. The specialty encompasses cosmetic facial reconstruction, surgery of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck, and the diagnosis and management of allergic, sinus, laryngeal, thyroid, and esophageal disorders. With the exception of visual and eye-related disorders (the province of ophthalmologists) and lesions of the brain (managed by neurologists and neurosurgeons), otolaryngologists treat diseases and lesions above the shoulders--the ears, the respiratory and upper alimentary systems, and the head and neck. Specialists are trained in otology, rhinology, laryngology, allergy, head and neck surgery, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, and bronchoesophagology. They also have an understanding of the communication sciences (audiology and speech/language pathology), endocrinology, and neurology.



Why I Chose Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

By Alfred Marc Iloreta, MD Assistant Professor Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery

As a medical student I was dead-set on becoming a urologist until my surgical specialty rotation in my 3rd year when I rotated onto the ENT service. The first case I scrubbed into involved splitting of the jaw, bilateral neck dissection and reconstruction of the tongue. I was pretty much hooked.

Researching the specialty more I discovered it much more than "Ear, Nose and Throat". There were multiple subspecialties that were all very diverse. Endoscopic skull base surgery, ear surgery, facial plastic surgery, sleep surgery, airway surgery, pediatric surgery, microvascular reconstructive surgery, and head and neck cancer surgery are all fellowship options after residency and were all completely different. As the chairman of my home program said.." It's the best decision you can make, without making a decision." As a 3rd year med student I knew I loved head and neck anatomy and I enjoyed operating so it was a natural fit. After residency I completed a fellowship in Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery where I take care of patients with a variety of sinonasal conditions. From pediatric patients to adults I take care of patients with common ailments such as allergies and sinus problems to patients with intracranial and nasal tumors.

Information about Otolaryngology from AAMC Careers in Medicine

Subspecialties

Otology-Neurotology,
Otolaryngology
Pediatric Otolaryngology,
Otolaryngology

Setting

56% of physicians in this specialty practice in an urban setting at:

- Office Based Patient Care
- Hospital Based Physician Staff
- Medical Teaching
- 5% of physicians in this specialty practice in a rural setting at:
- Office Based Patient Care
- Hospital Based Physician Staff

Patient Profile

5 most frequently encountered conditions

1. Sinusitis/sinus disease
2. Otitis media
3. Hearing loss
4. Head and neck cancers/tumors
5. Allergies

Length of training

5 year(s)

Median Salary

All physicians
\$ 401,944



Want more information about Otolaryngology?

Specialty advisor: Marita Teng, MD

Chairman: Eric M Genden MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology

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Societies, Boards, and Other Organizations

[Association for Research in Otolaryngology](#)
[American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery](#)
[American Board of Otolaryngology](#)
[Association of Otolaryngology Administrators](#)
[Canadian Society of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery](#)
[American Head and Neck Society](#)
[American Rhinologic Society](#)
[American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery](#)
[American Laryngological Association](#)
[American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy and Foundation](#)

Publications

[Ear, Nose and Throat Journal](#)
[Archives of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery](#)
[Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery](#)
[American Journal of Otolaryngology](#)
[Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery](#)
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