

ELECTIVE NAME:

Otolaryngology

COURSE NO:

SUR 609

PREREQUISITE:

Required Junior Surgery

INSTITUTION:

Private

OBJECTIVES:

- The student will gain experience in history and physical examination as it relates to otoscopy, rhinoscopy, indirect laryngoscopy and head and neck examination.
- The student will learn to recognize and treat otolaryngologic emergencies.
- The student will be introduced to common otolaryngologic disorders, the current knowledge concerning diagnosis and treatment, and sources of new information concerning these disorders.
- The student will observe and assist in surgical procedures related to otolaryngology.

DESCRIPTION:

This elective will provide the student with insight into what an Otolaryngologist does in evaluating and treating patients. The student will gain experience in head and neck examination and will be able to treat common problems that relate to Family Practice, Pediatrics, or Internal Medicine. The student will observe and/or practice skills in tracheotomy and myringotomy techniques, suturing, x-ray interpretation (sinuses, nasopharynx, laryngopharynx) and placement of anterior and posterior nasal packs. Opportunities will be provided for students to see patients in an initial evaluation and in followup. The student will develop judgments concerning the proper time for patient referral to Otolaryngologists.

Inpatient: 50%; Outpatient: 50%

EVALUATION:

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship based upon clinical performance, completion of assigned/recommended reading assignments, and active involvement on the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.