Danbury Hospital Otolaryngology Rotation for Medical Residents

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Third year medical residents from Danbury Hospital will rotate for one week through the Otolaryngology practice of Advanced Ear Nose and Throat Care. The practice of Advanced Ear Nose and Throat Care consists of 6 board-certified Otolaryngologists, one Physician Assistant, 4 licensed Audiologists, and one Allergist.

The residents will be exposed to a variety of topics, examination skills, diagnostic tests, and office and surgical procedures in the fields of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Audiology, and Allergy.

Objectives

1. Learn a complete history and physical examination of the head and neck, ears, nose and throat.
2. Learn evaluation for common complaints in field, e.g. ear pain, dizziness, nasal congestion, hearing loss, sore throat, voice change, swallowing difficulty, swelling of the neck.
3. Recognize common diagnoses in the field, e.g. acute otitis media, cerumen impaction, acute sinusitis, sudden hearing loss, laryngitis, laryngopharyngeal reflux, tumors of head and neck, thyroid disease.
4. Learn additional tools for diagnoses, e.g. proper use of otoscope, microscopic otoscopy, rhinoscopy, laryngeal endoscopy.
5. Observe diagnostic procedures of Laryngeal Stroboscopy and TransNasal Esophagoscopy
6. Learn basic audiologic testing tools, and how to read a routine audiogram
7. Be exposed to advanced diagnostic audiologic tools, specifically BSER, ENG, OAE
8. Learn basics of allergy evaluation and testing and treatment

The residents spend time observing Otolaryngologists in the office private practice setting, and occasionally in the operating room. They also spend time with the audiologists in the office, and observe the Allergist in both evaluation, diagnostics, and immunotherapy.

The objectives are met through observation of office practice, examination of patients, education by one-on-one time with the practicing physicians and audiologists, and observation of procedures and surgery.