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The Residency Review Commission in Otolaryngology requires demonstrated progressive responsibility in cognitive and procedural patient management. A concrete list of procedures limiting the progression of gifted pediatric otolaryngology fellows could be contrary to the aims and intent of the RRC and therefore we define the general scope of practice for each year with the understanding that pediatric otolaryngology fellow duties may be accelerated or restrained according to the judgment of the faculty and specific attending. Twice per year the program director and faculty members meet to discuss pediatric otolaryngology fellow evaluations. The program director then meets with the pediatric otolaryngology fellow to determine his/her status and to ensure the appropriateness of their performance for promotion to higher responsibility.

The Pediatric Otolaryngology program is organized into a single service at MUSC: Team D. The Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellow works with the Pediatric Otolaryngology Division mostly at the MUSC main campus and the MUSC Summey Medical Pavilion. On a weekly, or monthly basis, one of the attendings holds a clinic at an off-campus location: East Cooper Medical Pavilion. Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellow clinic coverage at this off-campus site is sporadic. This is therefore, not a separate rotation, but simply a part of the MUSC Team D rotation.

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All pediatric otolaryngology clinics are subspecialty-related attending clinics. The pediatric otolaryngology fellow is involved in the minority of these on-campus clinics (exceptions include OR responsibilities, and simultaneous attending clinics).

The one-year fellowship includes pediatric otolaryngology fellow participation in clinical activities that give them the opportunity to: a) develop the knowledge and skills needed to assess, plan, and initiate treatment of pediatric patients with otolaryngologic problems; b) and participate in the pre-, and post-operative care of pediatric otolaryngologic surgical patients in the out-patient setting.

**GENERAL PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES**

The pediatric otolaryngology fellow will assist with supervision the otolaryngology residents on service and check notes for timeliness and accuracy. Effective communication between otolaryngology residents and the pediatric otolaryngology fellow and attendings is essential. The pediatric otolaryngology fellow must understand the clinical plan as dictated by the attending physician at all times, and the pediatric otolaryngology fellow will demonstrate a graduated role in the clinical decision making over the pediatric otolaryngology fellowship.

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Any untoward event (including complication, drug reaction, change in patient course, and misunderstanding with attending, residents, nurses, ancillary personnel or staff) will be brought to the attention of the attending, program director, or Department Chair, immediately. The pediatric otolaryngology fellow will show sensitivity to patients and family needs. Patient information is not to be discussed in public. The pediatric otolaryngology fellow will maintain cordial decorum with all clinic personnel, and resolution of differences of opinion will be carried out in a straightforward and reasonable fashion. If personal differences cannot be resolved between individuals, they will be brought to the program director or Department Chair. The pediatric otolaryngology fellow will be judged fairly on performance, and inherent in this concept is that judgment must be evaluated and treatment courses critiqued. This must be carried out in a positive fashion so maximum learning experience is achieved.

**BASIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The basic philosophy and goals of the Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery remain unchanged and include:

- The welfare of the patient is the department's primary concern.
- To train pediatric otolaryngology fellows and otolaryngology residents to efficiently provide the highest quality care.
- To provide excellent otolaryngologic education to residents and students.
- To promote activities pertinent to otolaryngology resident and pediatric otolaryngology fellow education.
- To consider all otolaryngologic patients as part of the teaching system.
- To make pediatric otolaryngology fellow education a priority in face of the economic pressures of the present health care system.
- To allow the pediatric otolaryngology fellow freedom to evaluate, formulate, and institute treatment plans for patients, under proper attending supervision.
- To assure personal attending supervision of the pediatric otolaryngology fellow in all levels of patient care.
- To advance the pediatric otolaryngology fellow's surgical level of involvement as rapidly as the attending feels is justified.

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**PGY-6 Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellow**

First year Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellows spend 12 months at the Medical University. They spend time as needed at The East Cooper Medical Pavilion. The Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellow is involved in the attending clinics at this facility.

**Specific Goals and Objectives: PGY-6**

To gain a solid understanding of the breadth of the specialty of Pediatric Otolaryngology through the outpatient, care of pediatric otolaryngology patients.

- To be able to perform complete head and neck and pediatric otolaryngologic examination.
- To be able to establish diagnoses and treatment plans under the supervision of the attending for outpatients.
- To demonstrate expert knowledgeable about audiograms and audiologic techniques utilized in testing children
- To demonstrate competent knowledge about CT and MRI scans of the head and neck and temporal bone.
- To provide leadership and supervision to the senior and junior residents in the outpatient setting for pediatric otolaryngology patients.
- To supervise rotating medical students and interns on the service.
- To know when patients should be referred to another otolaryngologist or subspecialist for consultation. Inherent in this knowledge is a realistic understanding of one's surgical skills and ability to manage complicated medical issues.
- To acquire competency and confidence in managing pediatric otolaryngology patients. This involves the diagnosis, preoperative assessment, medical and surgical treatment, postoperative care, and appropriate use of consults.