PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Broad-based clinical and surgical training enabling graduates to become leaders in pediatric otolaryngology
Highlights

Program Length and Scope
Our one-year, clinical program comprises an extensive clinical experience covering surgical cases, outpatient clinics, hospital consults, emergency center evaluations and didactic sessions.

Faculty
Six full-time Pediatric Otolaryngology Faculty provide the majority of the training experience. Three Neuro-otologists provide adjuvant otologic experience.

Education
Fellows enjoy a structured, didactic program with weekly conferences, formal lectures, and multidisciplinary conferences.

Faculty Supervision
Our philosophy is to encourage incremental learning and development of independent, critical thinking skills. Faculty support is always available and required in the operating room by hospital bylaws.

Hospital Affiliation
Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH), the largest children’s hospital in the United States.

Case Load
The large volume of patients seen at TCH provides broad and extensive exposure to pediatric otolaryngology cases. Tertiary care cases include otologic procedures including cochlear implants, airway surgery including laryngotracheal reconstruction and laser surgery of the airway, complex neck masses, and sinus surgery.

Otolaryngology Residents
Baylor College of Medicine Otolaryngology residents rotate at TCH during their training. In addition to the faculty, the Pediatric Otolaryngology team includes a PGY-2 resident, a PGY-3 resident and our two Pediatric Otolaryngology fellows.

High Caliber Training
Our Pediatric Otolaryngology Program was established in 1992 and has been training fellows every since that time. In 1998, our program became one of the first fellowship programs to obtain Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accreditation. We have been continually accredited since that time and are proud to announce that our program has recently undergone a meticulous review and successful re-accreditation.

The Pediatric Otolaryngology service at TCH was responsible for 6717 operating room cases and 7234 outpatient visits last year. Fellows typically log 500-1000 cases as surgeon or assistant during their year of fellowship. 30%-40% of the cases fellows perform are on neonates, infants and children less than 2 years of age and 30-40% of cases involve medically complex children with an ASA status of 3 or above. In particular, the 138 bed NICU provides our fellows with an extensive experience in congenital and neonatal otolaryngologic disorders. The Bone Marrow Transplant Unit provides fellows with tremendous exposure to patients with many challenging otolaryngologic infections and disorders of the immune and hematologic systems. The Pediatric Pulmonary service cares for a large Cystic Fibrosis population and has an active lung transplantation program which provides ample opportunities for
Our program is affiliated with Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH), the largest children’s hospital in the United States. TCH is a large, busy, tertiary care children’s hospital with 458 inpatient beds and opportunities to match its size. It has more than 2 million patient encounters a year and, in 2008, logged 248,086 outpatient visits, (including the Health Centers), 84,867 ER visits and 21,910 admissions. This patient volume provides an extensive variety of high quality consultations.

Facilities include the Gordon Emergency Center, 22 pediatric surgery suites, a 31-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and a 12-bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. The Texas Children’s Cancer Center, housed at the hospital, is one of the largest cancer research treatment centers in the country and includes a 36-bed inpatient unit and a 15-bed bone marrow transplant unit.

Our Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has 76 beds and is supplemented by 62 Level II NICU beds for less critical babies. Furthermore, in concert with TCH’s ongoing $1.5 billion expansion effort and the opening of the new TCH Maternity Center in 2011, our NICU, and the opportunities it affords, will expand even further.

More than 40 medical and surgical outpatient services are available to children. TCH is renowned for its expertise and breakthrough development in the treatment of cancer, premature infants, cardiogenic disorders, diabetes, asthma, HIV/AIDS and attention-related disorders. Internationally recognized, the hospital is ranked in the top five among children’s hospitals by both Child magazine and U.S. News and World Report.

Since opening its doors in 1954, the Texas Children’s Hospital Integrated Delivery System has cared for more than 1 million children from all corners of the globe. Our award-winning medical staff includes more than 1,580 board-certified, primary-care physicians, pediatric sub specialists, pediatric-surgical subspecialists and dentists, in addition to a highly skilled nursing and support staff of more than 6,000.
We select two fellows each year. The unified fellowship application is available on-line through the ASPO website, http://www.aspo.us, in the Fellowship Section. Our application deadline is mid-March each year. As you will see on the application, along with the application we require that you submit a resume (curriculum vitae), personal statement, and three letters of recommendation from physicians who have worked closely with you.

An interview is required and is considered based on your completed application and supporting materials. We usually have two on-site interview days in the spring each year. There is a welcome dinner the evening preceding each interview day so that applicants can meet the current faculty and fellows.

We participate in the San Francisco match program (www.sfmatch.org). The program is a subspecialty program and requires previous Otolaryngology training (minimum 5 years in length). The Fellowship requires a Postgraduate Physician Permit or Texas medical license to practice medicine in Texas.

Houston

Touted as one of the best cities in the country to live, work and play, Houston is a thriving urban metropolis that supports some of the most vivid cultural arts and culinary scenes in the country.

Houston’s temperate climate sustains tropical vegetation and allows the city’s residents an enviable outdoor lifestyle. Houston averages only 18 days per year with temperature of 32°F or less and 99 days with high temperatures of 90°F or more. Temperatures rarely reach 100°F.

- Low cost of living and affordable housing
- No state or local income taxes
- Expanding economy in diverse industries
- Multicultural population of more than 2.2 million
- More than 30 colleges and universities
- Permanent ballet, opera, symphony, and theater companies
- An “urban forest” with 307 parks
- NASA’s Johnson Space Center
- 3,000 restaurants serving every type of cuisine
- Professional and college sports, including the Astros, Rockets, Comets, Aeros, Texans and Dynamo
- Nearby beaches and lakes

Application and Selection Process

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