OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD & NECK SURGERY EXAMINATIONS

Our residency training program prepares in-house practice examination bi-annually. The purpose of the examinations is to stimulate reading and studying the required material of the specialty. It also allows the program director as well as the resident to accurately monitor their progress. The examinations are taken in June and December of each academic year. The exams consist of both written and oral components that are similar to the format of the Royal College license examination. The subjects of the exams are divided throughout the five years of residency training as follow:

PGY1: embryology, anatomy, histology, physiology, general otolaryngology and emergencies

PGY2: embryology, anatomy, histology, physiology, general otolaryngology and emergencies

PGY3: embryology, anatomy, histology, physiology, upper aerodigestive diseases, rhinology, laryngology, pediatric otolaryngology, salivary gland diseases excluding oncology

PGY4: embryology, anatomy, histology, physiology, otology, neurotology, facial plastics and reconstruction, oral and maxillofacial, trauma, head and neck oncology

PGY5: review of all subjects

The contents to read and study are detailed in the goals and objectives of the residency specific rotation.

The junior residents PGY1-2 take the exams annually in June only and the senior residents PGY3-4-5 take the exams in December and June.

The passing score is 70% just like the Royal College examination. Residents that score below 60% will retake the written exam within the following month or so.

A national written in-training exam is given annually to all senior residents PGY3-4-5 across Canada during the winter. Our program also has the PGY2 write the exam, as we find it to be a good practice for them. The exam enables the resident to test their knowledge and to compare themselves with their peers.