CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery is a five-year program. During the first two years, trainees also receive Surgical Foundations training to provide a solid background in the principles of surgery. Competence by Design consists of achieving Entrustable Professional Activities distributed within four stages of training. All rotations are scheduled by academic blocks; where one block consists of four weeks duration.

**Competence by Design consist of 4 stages of Discipline**

1. Transition to Discipline: 2 blocks (includes Surgical Foundations program Boot Camp)
2. Foundations of Discipline: 18 blocks
3. Core of Discipline: 39 blocks
4. Transition to Practice: 6 blocks

*Version 1*: Residents starting July 1, 2018  
*Version 2*: Residents starting July 1, 2019

Please note that clinical rotations may require adjustments during residency training.

**PGY1 RESIDENT- Transition to Discipline version 1 & 2**

Surgical Foundations program Boot Camp: 2 weeks  
Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 6 weeks

**PGY1 RESIDENT- Foundations version 1**

McMaster University Medical Centre - Anesthesia: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - General Surgery: 1 block  
Internal Medicine: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - Neurosurgery: 1 block  
McMaster University Medical Centre - Plastic Surgery: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - Plastic Surgery: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - Intensive Care Medicine: 2 blocks

Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks  
  General Otolaryngology  
  Pediatric Otolaryngology

**PGY1 RESIDENT- Foundations version 2**

McMaster University Medical Centre - Anesthesia: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - General Surgery: 1 block  
Internal Medicine: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - Neurosurgery: 1 block  
McMaster University Medical Centre - Plastic Surgery: 1 block  
Hamilton General Hospital - Plastic Surgery: 1 block

Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
General Otolaryngology
Pediatric Otolaryngology

St. Joseph's Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 2 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Head and Neck

PGY2 RESIDENT- Foundations version 1
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology
  Rhinology

St. Joseph Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 4 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Head and Neck
  Otology

PGY2 RESIDENT- Foundations version 2
Intensive Care Medicine: 2 blocks
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 2 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology
  Rhinology

St. Joseph Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Head and Neck
  Otology

PGY2 RESIDENT- Junior Core version 1 & 2
Cambridge Community - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 1 block
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Laryngology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology
  Rhinology

St. Joseph Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 2 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Head and Neck
  Otology
PGY3 RESIDENT- Junior Core version 1 & 2
Elective rotation: 2 blocks- one must be in the community
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 5 blocks
  General Otolaryngology
  Laryngology
  Otology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology
  Rhinology

St. Joseph Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery: 6 blocks
  Facial Plastic & Reconstruction
  General Otolaryngology
  Head and Neck
  Neurotology
  Otology

PGY4 RESIDENT- Senior Core version 1 & 2
Elective rotation, optional: 1 block
Guelph - Facial Plastic & Reconstruction & Trauma: 1 block
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 5 blocks
  General Otolaryngology &Trauma-advanced
  Laryngology
  Otology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology-advanced
  Rhinology & anterior skull base

St. Joseph's Healthcare – Otolaryngology & Neurotology: 3 blocks
St. Joseph's Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
  Facial Plastic & Reconstruction
  Head and Neck Oncology

PGY5 RESIDENT- Regular Cohort
Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 6 blocks
  General Otolaryngology & Trauma-advanced
  Laryngology-advanced
  Otology
  Pediatric Otolaryngology-advanced
  Rhinology advanced & anterior skull base

St. Joseph's Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 6 blocks
  Head and Neck Oncology
  Facial Plastic & Reconstruction
  Otology-advanced
  Neurotology

St. Joseph's Healthcare- Pathology: 1 week
St. Joseph’s Healthcare - Radiology: 3 weeks

Study period: up to 6 weeks off from your assigned rotation (includes 3 weeks of your vacation)

**PGY5 RESIDENT- Senior Core version 1 & 2**

Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
St. Joseph’s Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
  - Head and Neck Oncology
  - Facial Plastic & Reconstruction
  - Otology-advanced
  - Neurotology

St. Joseph's Healthcare - Pathology: 1 week
St. Joseph’s Healthcare - Radiology: 3 weeks

Study period: up to 6 weeks off from your assigned rotation (includes 3 weeks of your vacation)

**PGY5 RESIDENT- Transition to Practice version 1 & 2**

Hamilton Health Sciences - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks
St. Joseph’s Healthcare - Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: 3 blocks

These blocks may be tailored in accordance with residents’ pursuits and requirements in preparation to their practice in Otolaryngology –Head and Neck Surgery or Fellowship Sub-Specialty training.

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