

LLUMC General Surgery Resident Otolaryngology Rotation (PGY-3)

Each General Surgery PGY-3 will spend one 2-month block as a junior resident on the LLUMC head and neck surgery team. Duties will be assigned each day by the chief resident (PGY-5) and will generally be prioritized in the following order.

1. OR coverage for Thyroid and Parathyroid surgeries
2. Head and Neck surgery case coverage
3. LLUMC inpatient management and participation in seeing and managing patient consults
4. LLUMC Head and Neck Surgery clinic coverage: Priority is given to attending clinic with Dr. Simental to learn about head and neck endocrine surgery and medical management of thyroid and parathyroid disease.

General Goals:

1. Be introduced to the management and care of Head and Neck surgery patients with special emphasis on managing thyroid and parathyroid disease
2. Gain a basic understanding and knowledge of basic airway evaluation and emergency intervention in head and neck surgery patients
3. Begin to learn the foundation of basic science and medical knowledge integral to Otolaryngologic disease
4. Further develop basic surgical skills and techniques under close supervision of Attending Faculty
5. Participate in teaching through interactions with medical students and younger residents
6. Develop skills in the use of diagnostic otolaryngology instrumentation including flexible fiberoptic laryngoscopy and biopsy instrumentation
7. Learn to properly perform a complete Head and Neck exam

Responsibilities:

1. As a member of the Head and Neck Surgery team, you will be expected to fulfill all clinical and surgical duties assigned to you by the Chief Resident. Your duties will have an emphasis on Head and Neck endocrine disease with ample opportunity to participate in Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgeries.
2. Participate and help with management of LLUMC Head and Neck Surgery inpatients including daily progress notes, discharges and inpatient orders as deemed necessary by the Chief Resident
3. Assist in seeing inpatient consults and participate in their management. Any non-emergent airway consults will be seen with the senior ENT resident on call. The General Surgery Resident will not perform fiberoptic endoscopy without direct supervision of a senior ENT resident or faculty member. The General Surgery Resident will promptly chief all consults with the senior ENT resident on call and respond to requests for ER consults in a timely manner.

4. Participate in morning rounds and pre-operative evaluation and preparation of surgical patients

Call Schedule:

1. General Surgery PGY-3 Residents will be required to take primary call while on their ENT rotation. The PGY-3 takes call every Tuesday from 12:00 noon until 8 pm. Although it is not expected for you to be familiar with all Otolaryngologic diseases, you will be expected to see all consults while you are on call and staff with the Senior Resident. We expect the General Surgery Resident to have a low threshold for asking for assistance from the senior staff to ensure patient safety and appropriate care of patients.
2. During call, the ENT service covers LLUMC, LLU Children's Hospital, the Veteran's Hospital and Riverside University Medical Center. As a result, it is important that there is close communication between you and the Senior Resident on call to ensure that consults are seen in a timely manner.
3. Any call days you are not available for must be submitted to Cynthia Greber (Cgreber@llumc.edu) as far in advance as possible in order for the call schedule to be updated in a timely manner.

Vacation:

The Program Director and Chief Resident must be made aware of excused vacation time during your ENT rotation prior to starting the rotation.

Didactics:

The General Surgery Resident will be dismissed to attend all required General Surgery Conferences and academic responsibilities. It is not required for the General Surgery Resident to attend ENT academic day activities including Grand Rounds, M&M conference or tumor board. However, you are encouraged to attend these conferences and didactic sessions if you are not attending to on-call duties as this will expand your medical knowledge and increase your understanding of head and neck disease.

Patient List:

The ENT service keeps an online patient list through Wardmanager (www.wardmanager.com/lluh). At the beginning of the General Surgery Resident's rotation, the ENT program director will set up an account for that resident to be used during their time on the ENT service to facilitate handovers. The resident will remember that this is protected health information and treat it as such. The resident is responsible for handover of patient information at the conclusion of work each day and at resumption of duties the next morning on service.

Library Access:

Access to the ENT resident library will be arranged through the ENT program coordinator (Cynthia Greber). The General Surgery Resident has access to all amenities of the resident library while on the ENT service and will help control access to the library by not admitting anyone who is not part of the ENT service.