Fellowship in
Pediatric Otolaryngology

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Medical Center
Dear Applicant,

In partnership with UT Southwestern Medical Center, Children’s Health offers pediatric otolaryngology fellows a thorough and comprehensive training program which includes educational activities, patient care, guided reading and discussion, and research.

The goal of the fellowship is to prepare future otolaryngologists who are experts in the prevention and treatment of congenital and acquired conditions that have otolaryngologic manifestations in infants, children and adolescents. The one-year program is designed to strengthen competencies in assessment of otolaryngologic conditions, surgical technique, and organization and management of the pediatric subspecialty service.

Fellows will be active participants in didactic conferences, inpatient, outpatient and consulting services. Operative experience includes entire spectrum of pediatric otolaryngology including airway reconstruction, sleep, otology, cochlear implants, vascular lesions, endoscopic sinus surgery and rotations in craniofacial surgery with plastic and reconstructive surgery. Total case load at the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology is in excess of 8,000 cases per year.

Dallas is a burgeoning metropolis, with a lively social atmosphere and easy connectivity. Cost of living is significantly lower than other large cities. We strive to provide an all-rounded learning environment within our Division. Our fellows are poised to be leaders in the field and have taken up academic positions in the US and abroad.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Best wishes,
Romaine F. Johnson, MD, MPH
Fellowship Director

Application Timeline 2016

Wednesday, September 1, 2016
Applicant registration begins

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
CAS Target Date

Thursday, May 4, 2017
12:00 PM PST
Match Deadline

Thursday, May 11, 2017
Match Results

Monday, May 15, 2017
Vacancies listing

July 2018
Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship training begins

Requirements
Completion of ACGME-accredited Residency Program
USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3
3 letters of recommendation
Ron B. Mitchell, MD
Professor & Division Chief
Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Romaine F. Johnson, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Fellowship Director
Airway Reconstruction

Eric Berg, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Head & Neck Surgery

Amy S. Coffey, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Sinonasal Disease

Eric A. Gantwerker, MD, MS
Assistant Professor
Airway Reconstruction

Brandon Isaacson, MD
Associate Professor
Otology/Neurotology

Joe Kutz, MD
Associate Professor
Otology/Neurotology

Joseph Leach, MD
Associate Professor
Facial Plastic Surgery

Kenneth H. Lee, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
Pediatric Otology

Gopi B. Shah, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Sinus/Skull Base

Rachel D. St John, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Hearing Loss

Seçkin O. Ulualp, MD
Assistant Professor
Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Maria C. Veling, MD
Professor
Pediatric Allergy & Immunology

Debra G. Weinberger, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Research

Advanced Practice Providers
Kimberly Donner, PA-C
Emily Roman, PA-C
Carol Watson, PA-C
Caroline Williams, RN, CPNP-AC/PC
Cheryl Shell, RN, CPNP-PC
Margaret McCasland, RN, CPNP-AC/PC
Jennie Jones, RN, CPNP-AC/PC
Anita Lazar, PA-C
Jennifer Archer, PA-C

Program Administration
Phyllis White, Senior Administrative Assistant
Sherry Weber, Fellowship Coordinator
A structured clinical and didactic system exists for maximum benefit of the Fellow. Monthly rotations cover Airway, Otology/Neurotology, General/Sinus/Skull base and Facial Plastics/Reconstruction. Preference is accorded to complex cases with ASA 3 and above and those involving unusual pathology.

Clinical exposure includes a large volume of tertiary level cases including complex laryngotracheal reconstruction, sinus/skull base pathology, tumors of the head and neck, disorders of the ear and hearing restoration and facial plastic reconstruction.

Fellows gain excellent experience in complicated consultations originating from the PICU and NICU. Additional exposure in head and neck/neuroradiology, sleep disorders and management of cleft lip & palate pathology is provided and encouraged.

As all call is undertaken by UTSW residents, there are no formal call responsibilities. The breadth of training encompasses a well-balanced experience with a separate Fellow Clinic, precepted by one of the faculty members.

Didactics include protected time (one full day a month at UTSW), as well as guest lectures every Wednesday. Additional lectures and training are provided in Neuroradiology. A quarterly cadaveric airway reconstruction course is available for additional experience.

This is a busy clinical fellowship and during the course of training, the fellow performs between 1600 and 2000 cases. ACGME mean case numbers for US pediatric otolaryngology fellowship programs are exceeded by a large margin.
Strength in Numbers

Key Indicator Cases
- Congenital Anomalies: 125
- Head & Neck Surgery Domain: 78
- Otology: 122 (cochlear implants: 52)
- Neonatal tracheostomy: 51
- Open airway procedures: 37
- Endoscopy with intervention: 145
- Rhinology: 188
- Facial Plastics: 57

Otolaryngology Volumes
- Total individual cases: 8,495
- Outpatient visits (excluding audiology): 29,469

Patient Encounters: 785,563
Outpatient Visits: 595,062
Surgical Cases: 28,355
NICU beds: 47
PICU beds: 72
Licensed Bed Count: 562
Employees: 6,110
Square Footage: 2.6 million

Figures
- Nobel Laureates: 6
- Members of National Academies of Science: 23
- Members of National Academies of Medicine: 19
- Howard Hughes Investigators: 13
- Faculty: 4,010
- Research Expenditure: $415.5 million
- Residents: 1,600
- Economic Impact: $2.4 billion
Living in Dallas

Fast Facts

1. Dallas has more restaurants per capita than New York City.
2. No state income taxes!
3. Where is the largest farmers’ market in the U.S.? Right in the middle of Dallas, Texas.
4. Dallas is Diverse: The city is 25% African-American, boasts a large Mexican-American population and 42.4% of the population is derived from Hispanic or Latino origins.
5. The median home value in Dallas is $134,200 and is 7% less than the median for major cities.
6. Dallas is home to the largest urban arts district in the U.S.
7. Everything is bigger in Texas, they say. DFW Airport covers a land mass larger than Manhattan and hosts the largest parking lot in the world.
8. The Globalization and World Rankings Research Institute moved Dallas up to Alpha status in 2013 but kept Houston as a Beta+ city.

Dallas Attractions

Perot Museum

American Airlines Center

Dallas Zoo
Our Fellows—Where are they?

Dawn Teo, MD  
Residency: National University of Singapore, Singapore  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore/Duke Program in Oto-HNS  
Interests: Pediatric OSA, sinonasal disease, TORS

Oshri Wasserzug, MD  
Residency: Dana Medical Center, Tel-Aviv, Israel  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, Israel  
Interests: Skull base surgery

Gopi B. Shah, MD, MPH  
Residency: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX  
Interests: Sinonasal disease, pediatric otology

Anthony Sheyn, MD  
Residency: Wayne State University Hospital, Detroit  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN  
Interests: Endoscopic ear surgery, head and neck surgery

Amal Isaiah, MD, PhD  
Residency: University of Maryland, Baltimore  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD  
Interests: Pediatric sleep apnea, medical devices

Current Research

Pediatric OSA  
Pediatric Adeontonsillectomy Trial (NIH, National Study)  
Exploratory approach to polysomnography  
Big Data

Airway  
Subglottic stenosis and ethnic variations  
Long-term outcomes in neonatal tracheostomy

Otology  
Inner ear anomalies and classification systems  
Sinonasal disease  
Intracranial complications of sinonasal infections

Outcomes  
Readmission rates in adenotonsillectomy
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ACGME Accredited One-year Fellowship Program

https://www.childrens.com/for-healthcare-professionals/education-training/fellowship-programs/otolaryngology-fellowship

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