

## 685D Advanced Clinical Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery

**Course Description:** The student receives instruction in a wide range of Otolaryngology and Head & Neck disorders, and actively participates in the clinic, hospital wards, operating room, and conferences. Emphasis is placed on diagnostic skills and development of a broad differential diagnosis. Special examination techniques will be included (i.e., endoscopy, mirror examination).

**Department:** Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

**Prerequisites:** UC Irvine students must have successfully completed their basic science curriculum and General Surgery Clerkship. Extramural students must be in the final year of undergraduate medical education.

**Restrictions:** International student are not accepted on this rotation.

**Elective Director:** Tjoson Tjoa, M.D. , UC Irvine Medical Center, Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, 101 The City Drive, South, Building 56, Suite 500, Orange, CA 92868, (714) 456-5753 [tjoat@uci.edu](mailto:tjoat@uci.edu)

**Instructing Faculty:** Tjoson Tjoa, M.D.

**Course Website:** None

**Who to Report to on First Day:** Please contact the resident on-call by paging 714-506-6519 prior to your rotation to find out where and when to report on your first Monday, as well as to obtain your assignment for that day so you can be prepared. You could also contact the academic office, (714) 456-8450 or (714) 456-5753.

**Elective Coordinator:** Mary Ann Evans, UC Irvine Medical Center, Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, 101 The City Drive, South, Building 56, Suite 500, Orange, CA 92868, (714) 456-8450, [maevans@uci.edu](mailto:maevans@uci.edu)

**Site:** UC Irvine Medical Center

**Periods Available:** Throughout the year

**Duration:** 2-4 weeks

**Number of Students:** 1–4

**Scheduling Coordinator:**

**UC Irvine students** must officially enroll for the course by contacting the Scheduling Coordinator via email or phone (714) 456-8462 to make a scheduling appointment.

**Extramural students** enrolled at a U.S. LCME medical school must use VSAS to apply. To apply please refer to this website <https://students-residents.aamc.org/attending-medical-school/electives-and-make-courses/applyingaway-electives-vsas/>

**Course Objectives:** At the end of this rotation, the student will be able to:

- Be proficient at taking an appropriately directed history and physical as it relates to Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery.
- Demonstrate professionalism by attending all rounds, conferences and lectures as assigned.
- Effectively prepare for and discuss procedures both in the clinic and the operating room.
- Communicate patient workup and assessment by presenting to attendings and residents
- Demonstrate higher level understanding regarding the management of the otolaryngology patient, and communicate this with patients and providers.

**Key Topics and Competencies:**

- General head and neck anatomy and physiology
- Ability to perform a complete physical examination
- Audiology, Stroboscopy, Ultrasound findings
- Patient presentation skills
- Building rapport with patients
- Professionalism and team work

**Educational Activities:** The student will participate in daily rounds, group discussions, ground rounds and additional educational didactics. The sub-intern is also responsible for pre-rounding on all patients in whose operations they participated.

**What Students Should do to Prepare for the Rotation:** Read a basic otolaryngology Head and Neck textbook (ex. Cummings), you may find review books (eg Pasha, KJ Lee, ENT Secrets) to be portable and helpful on rotation as well.

**Clinical Responsibilities of the Student:** Pre-rounding, morning rounds, patient care, case presentations, grand rounds, surgery clinic rotation, participation in cases, ED consults, and floor procedures.

**Patient Care Responsibilities:** Under the supervision of the staff

**Call Schedule of the Student: None**

**Percentage of Time in Ambulatory Setting:** Typically 20-40%

**Conference/Lecture/Small Group Sessions:** The student will participate in group discussions, grand rounds and daily rounds.

- Grand Rounds are Wednesday evening from 4-6pm in Bldg 56, Suite 500 in the ENT conference room. However, monthly Pathology conference takes place in the Pathology Dept on the 3rd floor of Douglas Hospital. Verify the time and location with a resident.
- Weekly Thursday AM conference from 7-8, with subsequent clinic or OR.
- Tumor Board Fridays 11 am (if in Dr. Tjoa's or Dr. Armstrong's clinic or if not otherwise occupied in another clinic or case) in the Pathology Dept 3rd floor of the UCI Douglas Hospital. Sometimes patients will be seen in Pav II prior to tumor board. Please read about the patients beforehand .
- Tumor board patients will be presented by the junior resident on the H&N service.
- Facial Plastics Conference: 2nd Friday of the month, 7:30-10am after morning rounds.

**Course Hours Weekly Summary:** This will vary depending on rotation

**Content Theme Integration:**

- Communication
- Decision Making
- Epidemiology
- Ethics
- Pain Management

**Official Grading Policy:** The student will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail. The student's final grade will be submitted on the standard UC Irvine form. The student will be evaluated by attendings and residents in the area of clinical performance, clinical skills, formal presentation, learning accomplishments, attendance, attitude and effort. If the student fails the elective a grade of "F" will be permanently recorded on his/her transcript. The student can repeat the course for a second grade, however, the "F" will not be removed from the transcript.