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▶ RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

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DISCOVER THE OTOLARYNGOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

The SingHealth Otolaryngology (ENT) Residency Programme spans across three major hospitals in Singapore, and the immense clinical volume will ensure a wealth of training opportunities for you. More than just the surgical volume, you will be exposed to the vast variety of subspecialty practice. ENT Faculty are trained at internationally renowned centres and Residents will receive comprehensive surgical training in full spectrum of ENT subspecialties.

Besides clinical training, there are several opportunities for research. If you have a keen interest in ENT and are constantly thinking of ways to improve patient care, you will find there is a surfeit of research projects that can be embarked upon.

As you embark on your training, you will need to prioritise your work and social activities. This will be a defining time in your career, where the experiences gained and choices made will influence your life beyond medicine. Take your

time to gain in-depth understanding of what ENT Residency entails, and then choose wisely. If you are passionate about what you do, then you will enjoy the journey.

We aim to nurture future ENT specialists who will be leaders in the field and contribute to the local and international community. They should possess the Ear to listen to patients, the Nose to sniff out opportunities, and the Throat to communicate effectively and compassionately. To achieve that outcome, Residents should be Enthusiastic and Ethical, Nimble to respond to changes, and Team players. If you feel these describe you, then ENT is the programme for you.



YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The ENT Residency Programme at SingHealth is a five-year programme built on the premise of progressive responsibility to equip you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes of a proficient Otolaryngologist.

You will benefit from a comprehensive curriculum with a proven track record, learn from experienced teachers, as well as be exposed to a wide-ranging case-mix. This, coupled with supervised training as well as ongoing assessments and evaluation, will empower you to reach for greater heights as an Otolaryngologist.

GOOD BALANCE OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXPOSURE

No other speciality in the medical field will afford you as wonderful a balance of medical work and surgical exposure. Many of the conditions you see as an Otolaryngologist can be managed in a clinical setting with medicines and simple procedural work. This ensures longevity in your ENT practice, with the immense satisfaction of ENT physician work remaining long after you have decided to retire from active surgical practice.

SURGICAL MASTERY FROM MULTIPLE SUBSPECIALTIES

There is no other surgical speciality that trains you to be competent in the breadth of different surgical techniques and different surgical skillsets as ENT does. Otological and Skull Base Surgery exposes you to the use of the operating microscope and modern surgical hearing implants. Rhinology exposes you to Endoscopic work. Head and Neck Surgery exposes you to the challenges of open surgery and cutting-edge Robotic Surgery. Laryngology exposes you to fine tissue handling skills and the precise use of lasers. Finally, Sleep Surgery is pioneering the use of Surgical Robots.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

There are very few surgical disciplines that allow you to be as plugged into the wider family of medicine. We interact with endocrinologists in the care of thyroid and parathyroid disorders. We work closely with the neurosurgeons on Skull Base tumours. We interact with medical and radiation oncologists in Head and Neck cancer surgery. We interact with Neurologists and Internal Medicine physicians in the management of giddiness. And despite these wide ranging interactions, we take pride in being a small and close knit fraternity that shares a sense of kinship with all public and private medical institutions.

YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS & DEVELOPMENT

The Resident who has graduated progressively advances through the ranks of Associate Consultant, Consultant and Senior Consultant. At each level, there will be ample opportunities to embark on different career tracks, depending on your passion and talent. These include Clinical, Research, Education and Administrative tracks either alone or combined in varying proportions.

A WEALTH OF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Clinician Scientist (CS) Residents will spend an additional year on the programme. During your first two years, you will participate in departmental and research-related learning activities together with Clinician Residents. From year three to six, you will embark on the experiential component of your education in research. As you begin your research project, you will be mentored throughout the preparatory, investigational and synthesis phases of your project, with the aim of obtaining a Master of Clinical Investigation or equivalent by the end of year six. Take this golden opportunity to do cutting-edge research while being supervised by the brightest minds in the field.



HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS

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Applying to SingHealth Residency was a natural choice as there are many training opportunities with a wide exposure to both common and rare conditions. Many of our Faculty are highly regarded in their fields and they are always willing to teach when opportunities arise. I have definitely made the right choice.

DR CHAN CHING YEE

Otolaryngology Residency Alumna, Year 2017

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What really makes the SingHealth Residency Programme superior is that it not only trains you to become a competent specialist but also emphasises skills and values that will develop its Residents into well rounded physicians who are professional and ethical, and who aim to make patients' welfare the priority of what they do.

DR TAY ZE YUN

Otolaryngology Residency Alumnus, Year 2017

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