Title of Clerkship: Ophthalmology/Otolaryngology Combined Elective
Elective Type: 3rd year elective
Department: Surgery
Type of Elective: Clinical X Non-Clinical/Research Basic Science
Clerkship Site: Vision Associates and UTMC

Course Number: OPTH 761 & ENTS 761
Blocks available: All
Number of students per block: 2
Faculty: Vision Associates Faculty and Dr. Reginald Baugh

Elective Description/Requirements: Elective designed to introduce students to common ears, nose and throat problems along with evaluating patients with eye disorders. This elective will include 2 weeks of inpatient and outpatient otolaryngology at UTMC and outpatient Ophthalmology experience at Vision Associates. Students will be introduced to patients with tonsillitis/adenoidectomy, swallowing problems, hoarseness, chronic ear disease, sinusitis, macular degeneration, cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and various ENT/Ophthalmology related diseases.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks (2 weeks ENT/2 weeks Ophthalmology)

Links to EPOs

Educational Course Objectives: At the end of the rotation the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate, manage, and diagnose common ophthalmic and ENT disorders
2. Demonstrate a surgical history and physical examination focusing on Otolaryngology problems
3. Demonstrate and document the ability to perform an adequate eye examination
4. Basic interpretation of Audiogram, Tympanogram, Sinus CT, ocular manifestations and systemic disease
5. Write complete patient orders
6. Establish treatment options for basic ophthalmic disease and otolaryngology disease
7. Assist in minor procedures and in the operating room
8. Accurately present patient information concerning the patient’s condition and progress according to examination, laboratory and radiographic studies

Professionalism: UT/COM students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Educational Program Objectives and the current Educational Course Objectives for the Sponsoring Department.

Instructional Methods:
1. Interpretation of lab data
2. Diagnostic tests/use and interpretation
3. Small group discussion
4. Observation of patient examination in an inpatient and outpatient setting
5. Ambulatory care experience
6. Grand rounds
7. Teaching rounds
8. Observation of both ophthalmic and otolaryngology surgery including review of charts and indications for surgical intervention.

Evaluation methods employed: (please make selection from CumMIT list)

1. Clinical competency evaluations
2. Faculty observation
3. Professional assessments
4. Attendance
5. Case write up

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Yrs. 1 & 2, and a passing score on USMLE Step 1

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Special Requirements: Participation in night call may be required because many cases come in after hours.

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
Clinical Problem Solving/Decision Making Disease Screening Tests
Communication Skills Practice Management
Diagnostic Imaging Patient Health Education
Geriatrics