



American Head and Neck Society Fellowship Programs

**The Advanced Training Council
For Approval of Training in
Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery**

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Two (2-year) positions

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The objectives of the Head and Neck Oncology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins are to promote and develop leaders in the field of Academic Head and Neck Oncology. Emphasis is on training in translational research bridging surgical oncology and molecular biology pertaining to head and neck cancer. Fellows completing the program will have finely honed skills in surgical diagnosis and treatment of tumors of the head and neck, and will have been introduced to basic laboratory research leading to publication of novel translational findings. The research training may serve as the basis to seek grant funding in order to facilitate the initiation of an academic career.

History: The Head and Neck Oncology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins began in 1986. It received approval of the American Head and Neck Society in 1993. Dr. David Sidransky joined the program that year. Past fellows include Glen Peters, M.D., Wayne Koch, M.D., Richard Scher, M.D., Joseph Brennan, M.D., Shelly McQuone, M.D., Michael Spafford, M.D. John Brockenbrough, M.D., and David Goldenberg, M.D.

Requirements: Board eligibility in Otolaryngology, General Surgery or Plastic Surgery

Description of Medical Center and Academic Affiliation: The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions are world renowned for leadership in clinical medicine, public health and basic biomedical research. Johns Hopkins is a busy regional referral medical center encompassing the full range of clinical medicine with training programs for medical students, residents, and fellows in all major fields. The Head and Neck Oncology Service performs more than half of all major head and neck resections in the state of Maryland, as well as drawing from a four-state region. Over 250 new cases of HNSCC are managed each year.

Outline: The first year is dedicated to research in molecular biology of head and neck cancer, or to training in clinical trials methodology. Training in free tissue transfer may be arranged for selected applicants. The second year is focused on clinical advanced specialty training pertaining to diagnosis, and medical and surgical treatment of head and neck tumors, both benign and malignant. Exposure to reconstruction including free tissue transfer, medical oncology, and radiation oncology are included.

Strengths: The tumor biology research program of the Johns Hopkins Department of Otolaryngology is world renowned as a leader in clinical translational research pertaining to the HNSCC. Trainees have been highly successful in launching clinical translational academic careers. Dedicated clinical faculty provides mentorship needed to help develop skills and knowledge needed for an academic career. The academic milieu includes one of the finest Otolaryngology residency programs in the country, with excellence in every aspect of the field.

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Wayne M. Koch, M.D., Professor of Otolaryngology, Johns Hopkins University

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Three (one 3-year and two 2-year) positions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals and Objectives: The goals and objectives of the Head and Neck Oncologic Fellowship are to train individuals to provide state of the art multidisciplinary care for patients with head and neck cancer, develop leaders in the field of head and neck oncologic surgery, and provide a rigorous academic experience in which fellows can participate in clinical, translational, and/or basic science research under the guidance of a suitable mentor(s) with the ultimate goal of attaining support for future research endeavors upon the completion of training.

Criteria for Selection of Trainees: To be considered for a position, the candidate for the head and neck fellowship must have completed a residency program in Otolaryngology, General Surgery or Plastic Surgery. The time frame must be equivalent to the requirement to become, at minimum, chief resident; and preferable, should have attained Board eligibility. Candidates must have completed at least PGY V level of surgical education. The candidates are selected through a process that involves review of a written application, including letters of reference from past mentors and program directors, followed by a personal interview.

Final selections are made at the time of the AHNS Match process and in the following 2-3 months in order to fill all of the open positions. All interested US and Canadian fellowship applicants must be registered with the Match Program of the Advanced Training Council for Approval of Training in Head and Neck Oncology Surgery (sponsored by The American Head and Neck Society) to be considered for a position. Those applicants who are not eligible for the Match Program are required to undergo the same application process by filling out the AHNS

application with the reference and forwarding them directly to the Department of Head & Neck Surgery at MDACC, c/o Sylvia Aguirre.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: For those fellows doing a 2 or 3-year fellowship, the first 12 to 24 months of non-clinical training are under the mentorship and supervision of research faculty within the institution and associated with the department of HNS. During the clinical year, a HNS faculty mentor is assigned to every fellow for counseling and review of progress.

During the clinical rotation, the fellows' primary responsibilities are in the field of patient care. An important part of their activity is hands-on experience as first assistants or surgeons in the operating room under the constant supervision of a full-time staff surgeon. In addition to the hands-on experience in the operating room, clinic, and inpatient floor, the trainees are required to attend two formal lectures weekly and Friday afternoon teaching rounds. The subjects of the lectures and rounds are related to Head and Neck Oncology and related subspecialties. They complement the practical learning. The theoretical instruction of the lecture series is well defined and each fellow is required to actively participate in at least one major research program.

The scholastic abilities of our trainees are enhanced by their direct participation as educators and presenters at these different academic opportunities. They participate in teaching medical students and nursing students.

Two hours of didactic instruction are given weekly by the senior staff. Applied surgical anatomy is included within these lectures. Morbidity/mortality conferences are held monthly and formal in-depth, clinico-pathologic discussions are scheduled every six weeks. The fellow is also required to participate in the monthly Basic Science Journal Club, as well as Head and Neck research meetings. A completed project, either in clinical or Basic Science research, is required of each fellow. A written paper suitable for peer-reviewed publication is expected prior to the issuance of a certificate from The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. "Moonlighting" is not allowed.

Supervision: Each of the fellows will be exposed to and participate in the care of approximately 350 newly referred patients annually. The fellow will participate with the senior staff in all decisions relative to the prescribed treatment. The fellow's operative responsibility will be assigned commensurate with ability. Surgeons in residence and medical students are also assigned to the team, giving the Head and Neck fellow the opportunity to teach.

Evaluation: Trainees are evaluated every three months by an instrument that was developed by the research section of the Office of Academic Affairs of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. There is an interim assessment after six months and an exit interview and questionnaire. The trainees and the program are both evaluated by the Advanced Training Council of the American Head and Neck Society.

Accreditation Status: Head and Neck Surgical Oncology is not a separate Board of Medical Specialties. The specialties of General Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Plastic Surgery share, in common, this sub-specialty and, at the present time, the subspecialty is only certified by a committee or training council of the American Head and Neck Society. The application form for accreditation by the Joint Council for Approval of Advanced Training in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology can be found on the AHNS website at: www.ahns.info.

Duration of Program: Our fellowship program is either one, two or three years long. The two and three-year programs are accredited by the Joint Council for Approval of Advanced Teaching in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology. The **one-year** clinical portion of the Fellowship emphasized a multidisciplinary approach to the management of head and neck cancer. Surgical experience involves all aspects of head and neck surgical oncology, including skull base surgery. The **two-year** position provides one year of dedicated clinical, basic science, and translational research and one year of clinical training. The **three-year** position provides two years of dedicated research time and one year of clinical training.

A newly developed, **two-year** fellowship in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery of the Head and Neck has been developed. This unique fellowship offers intensive training in each discipline for one year with the head and neck oncologic training identical to that described above. The one-year reconstructive experience is directed and supervised by the Department of Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery.

The positions available at the U.T.M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Department of Head & Neck Surgery will vary from year to year depending on which positions are held by the current fellows. Please email Dr. Amy Hessel or Sylvia Aguirre.

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Amy Y. Chen, M.D.- Assistant professor, Emory University
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William J. Harb, M.D.-Private practice
Amy C. Hessel, M.D.- Assistant professor, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Three (1 to 2.5-year) positions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Overview: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is the world's largest private, non-profit cancer center. The institution is dedicated to patient care, research, and education. Memorial Hospital is a referral center for patients from the greater New York area, the United States, and throughout the world. Established in 1915, the Head and Neck Service cares for more than 2,000 new patients, performs approximately 1,400 surgical procedures, and manages over 22,000 outpatient follow-up visits each year. The faculty members are amongst world leaders in head and neck surgery, and hold academic appointments at Cornell University.

Eligibility: The Head and Neck Service of the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center offers a one year, two year and a 2.5 year senior fellowship in head and neck oncologic surgery to Otolaryngologists, General Surgeons, or Plastic Surgeons who have completed their residency training and attained qualification to sit for the examination of the American Board of Otolaryngology, Surgery, or Plastic Surgery. The fellowship program is designed to offer a comprehensive training program in clinical head and neck oncology and basic research to prepare the individual for an academic career. Two new fellows are appointed each year. Trainee salary, subsidized housing, and health insurance are provided.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: Clinical rotation consists of a 12-month period wherein fellows are responsible for preoperative and postoperative patient care, and are involved in surgical operations under the direction of the attending surgeons. Each fellow performs 250 to 300 procedures during the year of clinical rotation. Fellows work with a multidisciplinary team

of physicians and professionals specializing in head and neck oncology to ensure the optimal treatment for each patient. Our integrated treatment team consists of head and neck surgeons, plastic and reconstructive surgeons, neurosurgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, maxillofacial prosthodontists, pathologists, radiologists, basic scientists, speech and voice therapists, an audiologist, and nursing staff. A one-month rotation in Radiation Oncology, medical oncology, and Pathology is available. The research rotation consists of six to eighteen months, depending upon individual interests, performing basic research with an opportunity to focus on any aspect of head and neck oncology, including but not limited to genetics, molecular biology, chemo-prevention, and experimental therapeutics. Laboratory support is provided by a multidisciplinary team of collaborative scientists, who mentor fellows in developing a hypothesis, determining focus, developing methodology, interpreting results, and publication of their laboratory work. Special emphasis is placed on developing skills for grant applications. Head and neck fellows have been very successful recipients of research and travel awards. Fellows are encouraged to apply to granting agencies and national societies for support.

Supervision: All fellows are given an opportunity to help supervise and instruct residents on the Head and Neck Service, as well as gain experience by participating in outpatient clinics, rounds, lectures, seminars, journal club, and research conferences. Fellows have access to all conferences at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. There are currently approximately 50 formal conferences and four to six cancer-related lectures each week.

Careers of Former Fellows: Upon completion of this fellowship program, all of the graduates have been able to secure full-time academic appointments.

Ohio State University

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 or 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Overview: The Ohio State University was founded in 1870, as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, a land grant institution. In 1878, the Ohio General Assembly changed the college's name to The Ohio State University. The Ohio State University is the major comprehensive university in the state of Ohio and has developed numerous outstanding and innovative programs. Students at Ohio State can take advantage of more than 170 undergraduate majors, 122 programs leading to the masters, and 98 programs leading to the doctorate. The Ohio State University Medical Center dates back to 1834, with the founding of the Willoughby Medical University of Lake Erie in Willoughby, Ohio. In 1846, Willoughby moved to Columbus to expand and improve its clinical facilities, renamed Starling Medical College, and became the first teaching hospital in the United States. In 1914, the trustees of the Starling Medical College transferred all of their properties to the State of Ohio to establish a College of Medicine at the Ohio State University. At that time, a hospital was also established, which later became University Hospitals. In 1993, University Hospitals, the College of Medicine, and the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute introduced the University Medical Center concept representing a level of care unmatched in central Ohio. Today, the University of Medical Center is well established as a leading medical center in Columbus, the Midwest, and the country with an unparalleled combination of expertise and services. The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health is the nation's fourth largest, and consistently ranks among the top academic medical school. There are 24 departments and schools within the College of Medicine and Public Health with programs in all medical specialties. Postgraduate training within the College of Medicine and Public Health includes

residency training programs, as well as programs leading to the doctor of medicine degree, post-M.D. education, masters of science, and doctor of philosophy.

Outline: The Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery Fellowship is designed for advanced complementary training in head and neck oncologic surgery and conforms to the guidelines from the Advanced Training Council for Approval of Training in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery. The fellowship is designed for those individuals who are planning a full-time academic career with a special interest and emphasis in head and neck surgery. The Head and Neck Oncology Section of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery sees more than 3,500 outpatient cancer visits each year with approximately 350 to 500 patients treated annually. This comprises the vast majority of head and neck oncology patients referred to Ohio State. The fellow will be exposed to and participate in the care of approximately 350 newly referred patients annually. The fellow participates with the senior staff in all decisions relative to the prescribed treatment. Operative responsibility is assigned commensurate with ability. Otolaryngology residents and medical students are also assigned to the team giving the head and neck fellow extensive opportunities to teach. The fellow is given time to attend advanced sessions sponsored by the Comprehensive Cancer Center for all oncology fellows. Participation in a project, either in clinical or bench-type research, is required of each fellow, and a manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal is expected prior to the issuance of a certificate from the Ohio State University.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The fellows assist faculty with resident and medical students surgical teaching and with patient care. They are also responsible for coordinating the third and fourth year medical students who have elected to participate in a rotation entitled, “*Comprehensive Care of the Cancer Patient*”. This is a four-week course designed to give an overview of the multidisciplinary care of the cancer patient. In addition to these teaching responsibilities, the fellows are asked to give lectures throughout the medical center to other faculty and staff. It has always been the policy of the fellowship director to give the fellows the opportunity to pick the particular area(s) of research within the Head and Neck Oncology Program that holds the greatest interest for them. However, all of the fellows have been involved with ongoing clinical research. The fellows participate in the writing of clinical protocols, as well as the registration of patients to local/national clinical trials and their subsequent continued follow-up. Fellows also travel to Southwest Oncology and American College of Surgeons Oncology Group meetings as a means of becoming more familiar with the workings of a large national cancer cooperative group. The fellow works closely with the interdisciplinary teaching faculty. The fellow’s primary relationship is with David E. Schuller, M.D. The overall majority of operative and clinical patient interactions for the fellow are done in conjunction with Dr. Schuller, Dr. Agrawal, Dr. Ozer, Dr. Forrest, or other teaching faculty. The Head and Neck Oncology Group consists of 23 faculty from eleven departments and five colleges. The fellow never operates independent of teaching faculty and only occasionally is involved with seeing patients in the Head and Neck Oncology Ambulatory Center without teaching faculty. The fellow acts as operating surgeon, as well as in a supervisory role, for surgery in which residents are involved and assistant to other teaching faculty. The head and neck oncology fellow participates in no Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Clinics and is not involved with any on-call rotations with the residents. It is, however, expected that the fellow will be involved in all emergencies involving the head and neck cancer patient population.

Strengths: The interdisciplinary surgical activities exist primarily with members of the Divisions of Neurological Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and Vascular Surgery. A cranial base surgical team has been active for approximately 28 years with faculty primarily from the Departments of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Neurosurgery. That cranial base activity continues

with the fellow frequently acting as first assistant during the neurosurgical component and as the operating surgeon during the head and neck portion of the procedures. Interdisciplinary activities with faculty from the Division of Thoracic Surgery relate primarily to those times when certain mediastinal procedures are performed. During these procedures, the fellow usually acts as the second assistant during the thoracic component and as the operating surgeon during the head and neck portion of the procedure. Interdisciplinary activities exist with vascular surgeons whenever there is concern about disease involving the carotid arteries. The most common clinical situation is metastatic squamous cancer involving the carotid artery system. In this situation, the fellow acts as the operating surgeon when the neck surgery is done that mobilizes all of the tissue until it is attached only to the carotid artery. The fellow then acts as first assistant to the vascular surgeon when the artery is resected and replaced with a saphenous vein graft. This type of carotid artery resection and replacement occurs for patients with isolated neck disease and also those with concurrent pharyngeal resection. Microvascular surgery is performed by faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. During procedures where free flaps are utilized, the fellow works primarily on the reconstructive team either as operating surgeon or first assistant and is not involved in the resection. The resection and free flap harvesting typically occur concurrently utilizing two surgical teams.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 or 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: Roswell Park Cancer Institute, founded in 1898, by Dr. Roswell Park, is the oldest and one of the largest cancer research, treatment, and educational facilities in the world. It is devoted to the concept of total care of the cancer patient and has attained international prominence in oncology research and treatment. The Institute is a Public Benefit Corporation. It has a staff of 100 physicians and 150 scientists. At RPCI, oncology research, treatment, and education blend together to offer the best possible comprehensive care for those afflicted with cancer. The Institute maintains a 138-bed hospital where approximately 5,000 patients are admitted each year. Over 94,000 outpatient visits are accommodated in the outpatient facilities each year. The Institute is a teaching hospital of, and has academic affiliation with, the State University of New York at Buffalo. The Head and Neck Service is committed to the comprehensive care of the head and neck oncology patient. The department works closely with the Departments of Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, and Dentistry and Maxillofacial prosthetics to provide this care. In addition, the department provides comprehensive rehabilitation and speech therapy. The surgical staff members are fellowship-trained Head and Neck Surgeons with backgrounds in General Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. As such, the complete range of ablative and reconstructive surgery (including microsurgical free tissue transfer and skull base surgery) is performed within the department.

Eligibility: The Head and Neck Department offers a one-year clinical and two-year clinical and research fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology, as recently mandated by the Advanced Training Council of the American Head and Neck Society. The structure of the two-year curriculum and its specific content are developed by the program director, attending staff and fellow to provide the most meaningful experience possible. As such, the two-year tenure is a combination of clinical and research activities, with a minimum of 12 months of clinical rotation. Positions will be filled through the American Head and Neck Society Fellowship Match. The fellowship is open to qualified applicants who have completed a residency program in Otolaryngology, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, or General Surgery. The fellowship is approved by the Advanced Training Council on Oncologic Surgery of the American Head and Neck Society. Research activities include NIH grant-supported basic science research within the department. Related basic science research opportunities are also available through the Division of Surgical Oncology and the Institute's basic science departments. In addition to the head and neck fellow, the department provides training to fellows in the Surgical Oncology program and rotating surgical residents.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: For the head and neck fellow, in-depth experience is gained in all aspects of head and neck surgery, reconstruction, and oncology. The fellow is intimately involved in the assessment, preoperative care, postoperative care, rehabilitation, and long-term follow-up with patients. The fellow works with the attending staff in the operating room, outpatient facilities, and inpatient units. A didactic educational program is offered by the attending staff. In addition, during the fellowship tenure, there is ample opportunity and support provided to the fellow to participate in clinical research, presentation, and publication. Over 800 operative procedures are performed on the Head and Neck Service each year.

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Other Parallel Fellowships: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 to 2-year) positions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The overall objective of the fellowship for advanced head and neck oncologic surgery at Stanford University is to prepare recently trained otolaryngologists, plastic surgeons, or general surgeons for a career in academic head and neck surgery. This is accomplished by providing outstanding clinical training (including both decision-making and technical expertise), encouraging teaching, and developing a scientific and investigative framework for a future of research.

History: Fellowship training at Stanford University began with a multidisciplinary fellowship in Advanced Head and Neck Oncology and Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, which was co-administrated by Dr. William E. Fee, Jr. and Dr. Richard L. Goode, M.D., and inaugurated in 1978. In 1988, the fellowship was segregated and individual programs in Head and Neck Oncology and Facial Plastic Surgery were formed. The head and neck fellowship received accreditation from the Joint Council on Advanced Head and Neck Oncology Training in 1978, and a total of 17 individuals have completed the fellowship. In 1994, construction was completed on the Molecular Biology Laboratory at Stanford University, thereby providing an outstanding research program to complement the historically strong clinical training. The major basic science research effort in head and neck cancer today is focused on adult cancer stem cells.

Requirements of Applicants: Completion of training is an accredited residency program in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, General Surgery, or Plastic Surgery. Equivalently trained international candidates are also given strong consideration.

Description of Medical Center and Academic Affiliation: Stanford University Medical Center is a 611-bed tertiary care facility, with emphasis on clinical excellence and superior research programs. The University ranks second in the nation in endowment, and in the top five sponsored research. The medical center merged in 1996, with the Lucille Salter Packard Children's Hospital. Other teaching affiliates include the Palo Alto Veteran's Medical Center and the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. There are eleven full-time faculty members in the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, twelve residents, six fellows, and approximately fifteen research associates.

Strengths: The head and neck fellowship at Stanford differs from most other programs in its level of autonomy. While sufficient guidance is provided, the fellows are given staff physician appointments by the hospital and therefore may evaluate, admit, and operate on patients in the absence of direct faculty supervision (when appropriate). With Stanford's recent faculty expansion, there is also enhanced skull base surgery. The one or two-year fellowship combines research and clinical care.

Outline of the Program: The daily schedule in a one-year fellowship includes professor rounds with Residents, Research work, lecturer for Medical Students, attending Research conferences, work on the Tumor board, as well as organizing H&J Journal Clubs, organizing of the Grand Rounds once per year and presenter, Direct H&N Tumor Board and you are expected to produce two published papers.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 to 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The goal of this Fellowship is to provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary training to individuals who are committed to a career in head and neck surgical oncology. The fellowship training will provide a broad exposure to the full range of clinical problems encountered in a tertiary head and neck oncology practice. Upon completion of a one-year fellowship, the surgeon will possess the following characteristics:

1. Expertise in the multidisciplinary management of patients with head and neck cancer
2. Knowledge and skills in skull base surgery.
3. Knowledge and skills in microvascular free flap reconstruction.
4. Board-based knowledge and comprehension of principles of: radiation oncology, medical oncology, maxillofacial prosthetics, oncologic nutrition, head and neck pathology, diagnostic radiology/nuclear medicine and rehabilitation of speech and swallowing.
5. Expertise in conservation and surgical procedures.
6. Judgment and ability to perform complex tumor resections and an understanding of the technical limitations of the procedures.
7. Comprehension of head and neck cancer biology.
8. Appreciation of scientific methodology, study design, clinical trials and data analysis.
9. Ability to practice effectively in an academic, tertiary care setting and to participate in medical education and translational research.

The Fundamental Components of the Fellowship are as follows:

1. The fellow will participate in the evaluation, management and care of a minimum of 400 head and neck neoplasm cases (benign or malignant, including endocrine and salivary gland).
2. Participation in a minimum of 300 surgical procedures, representing the full scope of head and neck surgical oncology.
3. Intensive exposure to the interdisciplinary management of head and neck oncologic patients (regular tumor board participation).
4. Participation in the development and implementation of head and neck oncologic research.

The Fellowship will provide clinical and/or didactic exposure to the following:

1. Head and neck pathology
2. Radiation biology and therapeutic radiation oncology
3. Head and neck medical oncology
4. Maxillofacial prosthetics
5. Oncologic nutrition
6. Head and neck diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine
7. Speech and language reconstruction
8. Head and neck reconstruction
9. Paranasal sinus malignancy
10. Head and neck melanoma
11. Skull base neoplasms
12. Head and neck sarcoma
13. Non-melanoma skin cancer
14. Salivary gland neoplasms
15. Oral cavity cancer
16. Partial laryngeal surgery
17. Laryngeal cancer
18. Role of neck dissection
19. Oropharyngeal cancer
20. Hypopharyngeal cancer
21. Cervical esophageal cancer
22. Thyroid and parathyroid neoplasms
23. Morbidity and mortality conferences
24. Journal clubs
25. Clinical research protocol

Requirements of Applicants: Completion of an Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, General Surgery, or General Plastic Surgery residency training program. Documented experience and ability in the management of head and neck cancer patients, through letters of reference and the applicants' personal statement, are required. Successful completion of an interview with the Fellowship Director is also required. Ideally, this will include a one or two week elective at the University of Alberta hospital. This will allow the candidate an opportunity to evaluate the program as well as allowing the faculty an opportunity to evaluate the candidate.

Research Opportunities: It is expected that all fellows will be involved in clinical research projects and participate in the presentation/publication of the results. It is recommended that fellows in 24-month programs should have dedicated (protected or block) time available for laboratory research.

There is a strong expectation for research productivity from the Head and Neck Oncology Fellow. At the very least, we expect publication of one paper and a presentation at our Canadian Society of Otolaryngology meeting. Our preference is to have multiple publications as well as several presentations over the course of the year. There is dedicated research time for the fellow, giving them a minimum ½ day a week available for academic and research activities.

Strengths: The Advanced Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship at the University of Alberta provides a high volume experience in the treatment of patients. In addition to resections, the fellow can expect to perform a minimum of 100 microvascular reconstructions in their one-year fellowship. Research opportunities are available and encouraged. Involvement in our prospective functional outcomes lab is expected and will provide an excellent opportunity to learn an appropriate and comprehensive approach to treating patients in a manner to provide optimal function and survival.

Careers of Former Fellows: The Advanced Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship's goal is to train surgeons for academic careers in Head and Neck Oncology. All of our fellows have gone on to careers in academic medicine. Contact information for prior fellows is available through the program director and we encourage candidates to contact our fellows to discuss the fellowship experience.

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Other Parallel Fellowships: Skull Base Surgery, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 to 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The Head and Neck Oncologic and Skull Base Surgery Fellowship is one or two-year fellowship position with salary support through the resources of the University of California at Davis, Department of Head and Neck Surgery. The objectives of the training program are to produce highly skilled clinicians, teachers, and investigators in the field of head and neck oncologic and skull base and microvascular surgery.

History: The history of head and neck fellowship program dates back to 1987. It began as a one-year training program in advanced head and neck oncologic surgery. It also included some plastic and reconstructive surgery and surgery for facial trauma. Beginning in 1989, the fellowship developed into a two-year program, because of the preceptor's interest in skull base surgery and, more recently, the addition of microvascular surgery. The first year, the fellow concentrates on head and neck oncologic surgery and in the second year concentrates more on skull base and free flap reconstruction. The program has continued uninterrupted to date, with one new fellow per year. Candidates for the fellowship position must have completed their residency training program in an ACGME- approved or equivalent program in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, plastic surgery, or general surgery.

Description of Medical Center and Academic Affiliation: The University of California at Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) has had a neck and neck oncologic surgery program for the past 26 years. The hospital is a 576-bed general hospital that functions as the tertiary care center for central California. Head and neck oncologic patients come principally from northern and central California, southern Oregon, and western Nevada, but we have a worldwide referral base for skull base surgery patients. The Head and Neck Oncology Service has its own floor and Intensive Care Unit, and sees from 250 to 350 new cases of head and neck tumors per year. A weekly Head and

Neck Oncology Conference is held on Fridays, attended by otolaryngologists, a neuroradiologist, radiation oncologists, a clinical nurse specialist, clinical social worker, dentist/prosthodontist, dietician, and occasionally by medical oncologists. All new cases are discussed and treatment recommendations are made.

Strengths: University of California at Davis has a skull base surgical team composed of otolaryngology, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, pathology and neuroradiology that meets on a biweekly basis to review the skull base surgical cases that are seen during this period. Preoperative management and strategies are discussed, and definitive treatment is planned. UCDCMC is unique in having this program in northern California, and there are few such centers in the western United States.

University of Cincinnati

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Application Deadline: As per AHNS Match timetable

Starting Date: July 1

Duration of Fellowship Program: One Year

University Affiliation: University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Accreditation: The American Head and Neck Society

Licensing Requirements: Ohio license required (fees are paid by the department)

Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1-year) position.

Appointment: Clinical instructor

Salary: PGY 6 level (\$51,000 per year)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Operating Privileges and Operative Experience: Full privileges as a junior at University Hospital, VA Medical Center, Christ Hospital, Jewish Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital.

Operative Experience: Approximately 380 as either primary surgeon or first assistant to a resident.

Program Description: This one-year program familiarizes the fellow with the surgical and non-surgical therapy of head and neck tumors and the philosophy of management. It aims to train superb clinical surgeons proficient in ablative and reconstructive surgery of the head and neck. Four main clinical components are emphasized:

1. Ablative head and neck oncologic surgery, including organ preservation laryngeal surgery.
2. Thyroid and parathyroid surgery, including minimally invasive approaches.
3. Reconstructive surgery of the head and neck, including microvascular tissue transfer as well as traditional reconstructive techniques.
4. Adult airway reconstruction

Clinical Responsibilities: Clinical responsibilities include overseeing care of all head and neck surgery patients at the University Hospital, VA Hospital, affiliated with Christ Hospital, Jewish Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital. The fellow serves a role as leader of the oncology team. Clinical responsibilities of the fellow in the operating room include participating in the majority of head and neck oncology cases, supervising senior residents, and operating as a primary surgeon on more complicated oncologic cases.

The fellow is responsible for the head and neck oncology clinic at the Barrett Cancer Center one day per week. The clinic is staffed by otolaryngology residents, and the fellow serves in a supervisory role.

The head and neck fellow is also responsible for coordinating Chart Rounds. This is a conference that reviews the management plans for all head and neck patients that are currently on the inpatient service at all of the participating hospitals. In addition, the fellow organizes the Head and Neck Tumor Board, a multidisciplinary conference that allows for interaction with the radiation therapists, medical oncologists, pathologists and radiologists.

Research opportunities are abundant. The department encourages and supports development of clinical research projects. An enrichment fund for \$2,500 is set forth for the fellow's educational activities, conferences, and books. The fellow has a personal office with a designated computer station and secretarial support. All licensing fees are paid by the department. The fellow has no call responsibility. Moonlighting is permitted in off duty hours.

Benefits: Health and Dental Insurance, Paid time off, Life Insurance, Long-Term Disability Insurance, Short-Term Disability Insurance, Pension Plan and Professional Liability Insurance

Living in Cincinnati: The greater Cincinnati area is very affordable. It offers a full array of cultural activities including: symphony, theatre, and live music venues. Cincinnati has a world class zoo and nationally regarded aquarium (Northern Kentucky). Cincinnati has two professional sports teams: the Cincinnati Reds (MLB) and the Cincinnati Bengals (NFL). There are outstanding institutions of higher learning. Cincinnati is fortunate to have many restaurants featuring diverse cultural cuisines. This is a very easy area in which to live. You never are more than 20 minutes away from where you want to go.

Former Head and Neck Fellows:

Mikhail Vaysberg, DO- Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Gainesville

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The fellowship is carried out at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, including the Clinical Cancer Center and the associated Iowa City Veteran's Administration Medical Center. The objectives of the program including mastering the examination and diagnosis of benign and malignant lesions involving the head and neck including the upper aerodigestive tract, sinuses, orbits, soft tissues, and skin. The fellow will learn the most contemporary, effective, and efficient means of treatment for particular neoplasms. The fellow will coordinated an interdisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Tumor Board and become proficient in the multidisciplinary management of complex head and neck cancer cases. The fellow will learn appropriate reconstruction and rehabilitation techniques used in the management of these patients, including free tissue transfer. During the fellowship, a clinical and/or basic science research project relating to the field of head and neck oncology is completed by the fellow.

History: The Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at the University of Iowa has a long and rich tradition. A number of distinguished head and neck oncologists have completed this fellowship. The Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa, highly ranked nationally, is a very strong department within the University of Iowa College of Medicine. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics serve as a major tertiary care center in the Midwest. Approximately 25% of the 35,000 yearly outpatient visits to the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery are cancer related. Approximately 500 patients are referred to the University of Iowa every year for management of a head and neck tumor. Approximately 300 of these patients are treated surgically. Patients are housed in the Clinical Cancer Center, which was opened in 1994. The new University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics surgical ward, which opened in 1991, consists of 24 operating suites. The new Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery Clinic opened in January 2000.

Requirements of Applicants: Fellowship candidates must either be board certified or board eligible on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, General Surgery, or General Plastic Surgery. The fellowship candidate must be able to obtain a license to practice medicine in the State of Iowa. Documented experience and ability in the management of head and neck cancer patients, through letters of reference and the applicant's personal statement, are required.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The clinical work will be performed primarily under the supervision of the fellowship director and the head and neck oncologic faculty within the department. The fellow will evaluate new and recurrent head and neck cancer patients under the direction of the faculty. The surgical responsibilities of the fellow will increase with his/her demonstrated abilities and the fellow will perform and/or assist with procedures under the direction of the attending faculty. The fellow is expected to coordinate the multidisciplinary Head and neck Cancer Tumor Board. He/she is also required to attend regular departmental meetings, including Grand Round, Morbidity and Mortality Conferences, Head and Neck Oncology Rounds, and Head and Neck Plastics Conferences, as well as other selected conferences available to the fellow throughout the year. The fellow is expected to actively participate in the education of residents and medical students in the operating room, on the wards, and in the clinics. The fellowship experience at the University of Iowa consists of a very large clinical experience, encompassing contemporary head and neck oncologic surgery. Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in skull base resection, advanced techniques in laryngeal rehabilitation, and multidisciplinary cases involved the Neurosurgery, Oculoplastics, Oral and Maxillofacial, and Cardiothoracic Services. In addition, the head and neck oncologic and reconstructive fellow routinely performs between 50 and 60 free tissue transfer procedures during one year of clinical training.

Research Opportunities: A variety of research opportunities are available in the field of outcome evaluation and quality of life assessment for head and neck cancer patients. In addition, the fellow has a variety of basic science laboratories available within which the fellow may coordinate research projects under the mentorship of the distinguished researchers at the University of Iowa.

Strengths: One of the greatest strengths of the fellowship training at the University of Iowa is the extensive collaboration that the otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Service has with the other surgical subspecialties. Routine collaboration with the Cardiothoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Oculoplastics Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and General Surgery Services are undertaken. The fellow gains a tremendous depth of understanding for all aspects of management of head and neck cancer patients through these rich collaborative relationships. Five of the last six head and neck oncologic and reconstructive surgery fellows are currently in academic positions. A number of previous head and neck fellows from the University of Iowa have gone on to assume positions of national and international leadership within the field of head and neck oncology.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Two (1 to 2-year) positions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: The University of Miami (UM) School of Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital and the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics, offers two Head and Neck Fellowships, which blend an educational program with the responsibilities of a senior staff physician. Our institutions are dedicated to patient care, research, and education. Jackson Memorial Hospital is an accredited, non-profit, tertiary care hospital, serving not only the population of Miami Dade County (approximately five million), but also a hub for South and Central America making us one of the busiest hospitals in the nation. Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center handles more than 1,300 inpatient admissions annually, performs 3,000 surgical procedures, and treats 3,000 new cancer patients. In addition, UM/Sylvester physicians and scientists are engaged in 150 clinical trials and receive more than \$30 million annually in research grants.

Objectives: The Head and Neck Fellowship is a minimum of a one-year program focused on head and neck oncologic surgery. Two positions are available. Fellows will develop expertise in head and neck ablative surgery and reconstruction. High volumes of skull base surgery and microvascular reconstructive surgery are available, and fellows will be well trained in both of these areas. There is also opportunity for subspecialty focus on either of these areas. A second year for increased subspecialization or laboratory research is optional. The fellows will be involved in the microvascular rat lab and will complete the microvascular animal training course. It is expected that, over the course of the fellowship, the fellow will develop the ability to perform microvascular cases independently. Our goal is to train surgeons who will subsequently take positions at referral centers as tertiary head and neck surgeons. This is a hands-on surgical experience with opportunity to function independently and a high surgical volume.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: Our fellowships are designed to be a hands-on learning experience in the multidisciplinary management of patients with Head and Neck Cancer. Fellows should take an academic approach to patient care, discussing cases with the attending, performing literature review on unusual cases, and in the teaching of other residents and fellows. At least one case should be presented weekly at our Tumor Board. For two index cases a year, the fellow should be involved in radiation planning and/or chemotherapeutic dosing and become familiarized with the approach of our colleagues in radiation oncology and medical oncology. During the rotations on both these services, a special focus on these disciplines should occur. Fellows are to attend all didactic sessions pertinent to Head and Neck Surgery including Grand Rounds, Core Curriculum, Tumor Conference, Thyroid Conference, and Journal Club. A research project is designed and an annual presentation is required.

Careers of Recent Former Fellows:

Tareck Ayad- University of Montreal

Deepak Gurushanthaiah- Head & Neck Microvascular Surgeon, Kaiser Permanente San Francisco

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Other Parallel Fellowships: Skull Base Surgery, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Two 1-year positions. After matching a second research year can be arranged.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The objective of the Fellowship for Advanced Training in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery is to train academic head and neck oncologic surgeons with expertise in management of all facets of reconstruction in the head and neck, including local, regional, and free tissue transfer, as well as exposure and expertise in approach and the management of skull base neoplasms.

Requirements of Applicants:

1. Work-up and follow all previously untreated head and neck squamous carcinoma patients seen during multidisciplinary clinic.
2. Assist in all major surgical cases.
3. Assist in all microvascular surgical cases.
4. Supervise at the VA Hospital 1 day per week.
5. Summarize cases at weekly Tumor Board.

6. Attend head and neck rehabilitation rounds.
7. Prepare and submit fellowship thesis/research project.
8. Present research at the annual Lamberson Lectureship.
9. Participate in all Cancer Center activities related to the Head and Neck Oncology Program.
10. Participate with faculty in student and resident teaching including several formal lectures at tumor conferences.
11. Daily rounds with responsible faculty.
12. Participate in “on-call” responsibilities.
13. Attend one national scientific meeting per year.
14. Attend the monthly meeting of the Cancer Center Head and Neck Oncology Program.
15. Attend the annual Head and Neck Oncology Program Retreat.
16. Prepare annual operative list and list of publications.

Description of Medical Center and Academic Affiliation: The Medical Center is comprised of the University of Michigan Hospital, Taubman Center (outpatient care), Mott Children’s Hospital, Holden Women’s Hospital, and Turner Geriatrics and Cancer Center. The Medical Center has 865 beds (licensed and unlicensed) and 27 operating rooms. The Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery sees nearly 50,000 outpatients per year with over 400 major head and neck cancer patients treated annually. The Head and Neck Division staff is dedicated to the training of residents and fellows in the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of head and neck patients. We are also the lead department in the Head and Neck Oncology Program within the University of Michigan Cancer Center and coordinate multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Clinics. We have a large SPORE grant from the NIDCR/NIH to study the molecular basis of head and neck cancer therapy. We are affiliated with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Outline: The first year of the two-year fellowship is 80% clinical and 20% research. The second year if you chose after the match is 80% research and 20% clinical. The fellow interested in microvascular training participates in all relevant cases, as well as the microvascular teaching lab.

Strengths: The Head and Neck Oncology Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center is a full program within the Comprehensive Cancer Center. This is a facility with state of the art outpatient facilities, as well as research laboratories. The unique clinical training for the head and neck oncology fellow is a busy, cutting-edge, broadly-based head and neck oncology exposure with opportunities to participate in microvascular reconstruction and skull base surgery. We perform over 100 free tissue transfer procedures per year, as well as participating in the multidisciplinary melanoma clinic. We have specialty-trained laryngologists and sinus surgeons as well. We have collaborative strengths with surgical oncologists through the multidisciplinary melanoma clinic and plastic surgery, although, at our institution, the otolaryngology service does essentially all of the microvascular reconstructions on our head and neck patients.

Research Opportunities: We also have head and neck cancer tumor biology research laboratories both at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and at the Department of Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center. Research opportunities are available both in Basic Science Research, including molecular biology of tumors, predictive markers, and animal models, and free flap physiology studies. In addition, we have an active research interest in clinical research, study designs, and quality of life measures. Any or all of these research opportunities are available for the head and neck fellow.

Careers of Former Fellows: An overwhelming majority of our head and neck oncology fellows have gone on to academic appointments in the head and neck oncology field. Elective rotations are offered in medical oncology, radiation oncology, skull base surgery, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, maxillofacial prosthodontics, diagnostic radiology, and pathology. The Head and Neck Oncology Fellowship at the University of Michigan is designed to train the fellow in interdisciplinary management of head and neck cancer, as well as provide a foundation in relevant research in basic, translational, and/or clinical research of the disease. The fellowship equips the individuals for a career as an academic head and neck surgical oncologist, Clinician/Investigator.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The objectives of the program are to provide the fellows with an outline of the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes they must have at the completion of their training regarding the biology, pathology, and general principles for the prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment of cancer of the head and neck region.

History: The program was established in 1990 and has trained seven fellows.

Requirements of Applicants: Board eligible in Otolaryngology or General Surgery.

Description of Medical Center and Academic Affiliation: The University Hospital currently provides state of the art, multidisciplinary care to approximately 250 new head and neck cancer patients and provides almost 1,000 head and neck cancer-related outpatient visits per year. These services are provided by the members of the faculty of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology in collaboration with members of the faculty of the following departments and sections of the College of Medicine: Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiology, Plastic Surgery, Pathology, Neurosurgery, Dermatology, along with various departments within the College of Dentistry. The head and neck cancer patients are treated at the University Hospital, Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Presbyterian Hospital.

Outline: The program enjoys the benefit of a busy clinical practice that includes a variety of cases that cover the full spectrum of head and neck oncology and reconstruction including opportunities for training in microvascular surgery. The program has a strong well-organized

curriculum of academic activities including weekly journal club, multidisciplinary tumor conference, and surgery planning sessions.

Research Opportunities: The primary goal of the Head and Neck Fellowship Research program is to ensure that the fellow has a thorough understanding of the discipline of research. The program will give each fellow the opportunity to expand his/her current knowledge of research design, analysis, and scientific method. The research experience will prepare the fellow for a position in academic medicine.

Strengths: A well thought-out systematic research program is one of the strengths of the program. There are a few unique clinical and research trainings:

1. *Masters of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Epidemiology:* As an alternative to the research program, a program for concomitant training in Clinical Epidemiology may be offered to the head and neck fellow. This program is offered through the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology of the College of Public Health on the Health Sciences Center campus. The purpose of this program is to provide the fellow with the knowledge base, practical experience, and credentials to properly conduct clinical studies in oncology.
2. *Collaborative Strengths:* The department has a unique Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Clinic in which new cancer patients and patients that currently are undergoing treatment under a clinical protocol are jointly evaluated by the head and neck surgeons, medical oncologist and radiation oncologist. The program also has strong ties to the Section of Plastic Surgery. This Sections' faculty works with the program's faculty in microvascular surgery for reconstruction, in addition to the services of the Department's own microvascular surgeon. Finally, residents in General Surgery rotate in the Head and Neck Service during their PG2 year of training.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: A recent trend in many centers has been to define the role of the head and neck surgeon as a doctor, who diagnoses head and neck squamous cell carcinoma in preparation of non-surgical treatment, such as chemotherapy and radiation, reserving the surgical role for treatment failures. The philosophy of management at the University of Pennsylvania (PENN) is based on a different approach. The Center for Head and Neck Cancer meets weekly and all patients are presented prior to treatment. Our approach is to recommend the best treatment for each patient, either surgical or non-surgical. The overall approach is to focus on cancer control while optimizing functional outcome. At times, surgery is superior in the oropharynx and larynx for both cancer control and better functional outcome. This is accomplished with the judicious use of a variety of surgical approaches, such as endoscopic laser approaches, transoral robotic surgery utilizing the da Vinci Surgical System, transcervical resection, partial laryngectomy, and free flap reconstructions.

While we fully agree that in many instances non-surgical treatment is the superior treatment option, this is not always the case. In fact, here at PENN we have carried out major chemo-radiation trials, and fully support the role of non-surgical management of carcinomas of the head and neck when appropriate. We are uniquely positioned to integrate non-surgical management into our regimens given that, in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at PENN, we employ a full-time clinical medical oncologist.

Nonetheless, a head and neck surgeon should never have to be in a position to offer non-surgical treatment to patients because they do not feel comfortable performing the full spectrum of surgical techniques that are available for their patients. The goal and educational emphasis of our fellowship is to provide a learning environment that allows our fellows to mature into surgeons that view themselves as the advocate for the surgical approaches when surgery is the superior modality for a given patient and cancer.

Requirements of Applicants: Pennsylvania Medical License

Operative Experience: The fellow will have operating privileges. There are 1,200 head and neck procedures annually. The fellow will participate in all aspects of head and neck surgery, including conservation laryngeal surgery, reconstruction, microvascular surgery, and Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) utilizing the da Vinci Surgical Robot.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The Head and Neck Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania is a clinically oriented 12-month experience, designed to provide advanced training in all aspects of the care of the head and neck cancer patient. During this time, the fellow will be mentored by the full-time head and neck faculty, as well as by a team comprised of medical oncologists, radiation oncologist, pathologists, and radiologists. The fellow works closely in the operating room with the supervising attending surgeons, and will actively participate in the training of residents. Comprehensive management of the patient is emphasized, and the fellow will be involved in the initial consults, preoperative visits, tumor board discussions, and postoperative care of the patients. This continuity of care allows for a better understanding of the full process of cancer management. Fellows are involved in clinic one-half day per week. They attend meetings of the PENN Center for Head and Neck Cancer, with presentation of approximately 600 new head and neck cases per year. This multidisciplinary treatment conference familiarizes the fellow with both surgical and non-surgical approaches in the management of head and neck cancer. As a junior member of the faculty, the fellow will also have an independent half-day clinic, and will diagnose, treat, and care for patients in this setting. The fellow will also cover operative cases at the Philadelphia VA Hospital. The combination of these two activities allows for a significant degree of attending-level responsibility, which adds greatly to the overall experience. As a fellow, monthly lecturers to the rotating medical students are part of the responsibility, as are one or two Grand Rounds sessions per year.

Research Opportunities: Research and teaching opportunities are also available. The staff is available and interested in fostering clinical research.

Strengths: The clinical strengths of the program include learning a full complement of organ preservation surgery (i.e., supracricoid partial laryngectomy, endoscopic laser laryngeal surgery for cancer), Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) utilizing the da Vinci Surgical System, microvascular free flap surgery, and endoscopic and open cranial base surgery. The graduating fellow will be armed with the technical and perioperative management skills necessary to treat these complex problems, as well as the skills to manage all aspects of “general” head and neck surgical oncology. The University of Pennsylvania Center for Head and Neck Cancer is the first services in the world to offer Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) for the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant lesions of the upper aerodigestive tract. Robotic surgery promises to be an important advance in the management of patients with head and neck cancers, and our fellows will be the first fully trained robotic surgeons. It is our opinion that this will create an immediate clinical and research nurse for an academic Head and Neck Surgeon. The goal of the program has been to help the recent fellowship graduates to transition into being independent practitioners in head and neck oncology.

Careers of Former Fellows: The program has a very strong track record in academic job placement nationally.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: The Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine offers Fellowship training in Advanced Oncologic Head and Neck, as well as Cranial Base, Surgery.

History: Fellowship training in advanced oncologic head and neck surgery was begun at the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Otolaryngology in 1984. This was merged with the Fellowship program in cranial base surgery in subsequent years.

Requirements of Applicants: Applicants must be Board Certified or eligible for certification in Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, or General Surgery. All applicants must be eligible for licensure to practice medicine in the State of Pennsylvania. The fellowship is a minimum of one year in duration. Applicants with a potential for a career in academic surgery are preferred.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The successful applicant will be appointed as in Instructor in Otolaryngology. Active participation in weekly tumor board and patient planning

conference, as well as all aspects of patient care, is anticipated. Training in advanced oncologic head and neck surgery includes teaching head and neck surgery; participating in advanced oncologic head and neck procedures, including surgery of the cranial base; and didactic training in the disciplines of radiation oncology and medical oncology. Currently, the fellow actually participates in a wide variety of surgeries, including cranial base surgery. Many procedures are undertaken in a multidisciplinary environment, including neurosurgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and thoracic surgery. The successful applicant must be able to function effectively in a high-volume surgical program with an emphasis on resident training and research. A multitude of opportunities for personal growth are available.

Research Opportunities: Identification of a research project is an essential component of the training program. Laboratory investigation may be pursued in a variety of laboratories affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute or in the Department of Otolaryngology. Under most circumstances, this would require a commitment to a second year of training.

Strengths: Large surgical volume, including endoscopic laryngeal, endocrine and sinonasal/skull base case. Multidisciplinary, state-of-the-art management of head and neck cancer. Unique clinical and translational research opportunities, through NIH funded research and training grants. More information is available on request.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: Three (1 to 2-year) positions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: The University Health Network (Toronto General Hospital/Princess Margaret Hospital) and Mount Sinai Hospital are the teaching hospitals of the University of Toronto. Over the past 15 years, the University of Toronto has developed a highly integrated multidisciplinary Head and Neck Fellowship Program. This program is recognized internationally for patient care, research, and education, principally involving the disciplines of radiation, medical and surgical oncology; the program interfaces with medical imaging, pathology, dentistry, speech, nutrition, nursing, social work, psychiatry, and research scientists.

The program provides well-balanced exposure in all areas including skull base surgery, microvascular surgery, endocrine surgery, and innovative head and neck research. More recently, Head and Neck Oncology has been selected as one of the four programs of "Excellence" within the Ontario Cancer Institute/Princess Margaret Hospital. Similarly, Head and Neck Oncology is designated at the Mount Sinai Hospital as a high priority program within the strategic focus of the hospital.

Seven hundred new cases of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma are evaluated in the program per annum. One thousand major procedures are performed each year within the head and neck site group. Two hundred free tissue transfers are carried out by the service to reconstruct defects about the head and neck. In addition to the above, seven hundred fifty thyroid procedures are carried out by the staff.

The majority of head and neck cases in the Toronto region are seen in the multidisciplinary facilities of both the University Health Network (UHN) and Mount Sinai Hospital. Head and neck is considered a tertiary referral program by most community-based physicians and surgeons.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The program broadly encompasses a wide variety of neoplastic head and neck diagnoses. The major subsites include all head and neck mucosal malignancies. Other subsites include salivary glands, thyroid, complex head and neck skin malignancies, and head and neck sarcoma that are managed by the head and neck surgical group in collaboration with the respective radiation oncology and medical oncology site group members. During the two-year fellowship program, the clinical rotations include the University Health Network (UHN) and Mount Sinai Hospital. There are three fellowship positions available per year. The rotation also included electives in radiation oncology, medical oncology, and a wide assortment of basic science and clinical conferences.

The duties of the Head and Neck Oncology Fellowship are as follows:

1. Participate in outpatient clinics pertaining to the head and neck.
2. Participate in surgical procedures pertaining to the head and neck.
3. The “core teaching curriculum” requires that a topic be researched monthly within the Head and Neck Program.
4. Completion of one, if not two, basic science projects and at least three clinical-oriented research projects that results in peer-reviewed publications.
5. Attend weekly interdisciplinary Tumor Board Rounds at The University Health Network and Mt. Sinai Hospital.
6. Present at least one Grand Rounds per year related to the Head and Neck Program and participate at all Tumor Board related rounds at The University Health Network and Mt. Sinai Hospital.
7. Prepare a topic for the fellows’ monthly Education Seminar that takes place on the first Monday of each month.

Careers of Past Fellows: Of the fellows who have successfully completed this fellowship program, over 80% of them have pursued academic careers and a significant number are department chairs.

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Other Parallel Fellowships: Laryngology, Facial Plastic Surgery

Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 or 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives: The program is designed to provide advanced clinical training in extirpative surgery, microvascular reconstruction, and skull base surgery. The program also offers intensive research mentoring with the intent to support the development of clinician researchers who are planning an academic career.

Overview: The head and neck fellowship is divided into major blocks, including surgical oncology and microvascular reconstruction, skull base surgery, radiation oncology, and medical oncology. The fellow will be exposed to surgical pathology, prosthetics, and speech rehabilitation. For two-year fellows, the one-year research block is free of significant clinical responsibility. As of 2002, the AHNS grants certification after one year of clinical fellowship. At the University of Washington, candidates have the option of one or two-year fellowships. A full year of research is included in the two-year fellowship.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: During clinical rotations, the fellow will work directly with faculty members in the care of each patient. The fellow will be responsible for overseeing the initial evaluation and work-up of tumor patients, coordination of multidisciplinary care, and inpatient and outpatient follow-up. The fellow will function as either operating surgeon or first assistant under the supervision of the appropriate attending physician. One of the goals of the

fellowship is to foster the growth of surgical teaching skills by having the fellow first assist the residents in basic head and neck procedures. Participation in microvascular reconstruction is a major component of the clinical experience. The fellow will also have one half-day of clinic per week.

Research Opportunities: This training program is intended to foster the fellow's evolution as a clinician investigator. As such, research is a major focus. There is an extensive array of potential research mentors in both basic science and health services research. The fellow may seek a mentor in any appropriate department at the University. After identifying a mentor, the fellow is expected to present a formal research plan to the Department Research Committee. The Research Committee will continue to critique and monitor the progress of the fellow's research project.

Strengths: The combined hospitals at the University of Washington comprise approximately 1,200 beds and 500 head and neck cancer admissions per year. The fellowship is based at UW Medical Center where the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery performs 350 major head and neck resections per year, including 80 to 100 microvascular reconstructions and skull base surgery. The fellow is an integral part of this team. The Department of Radiation Oncology treats 575 new cancer patients per year and is one of three in the United States with neutron therapy capability. In conjunction with Medical Oncology, we are involved in various chemo-radiation protocols. With the formation of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (University of Washington Medical Center, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center), the involved institutions expect a substantial increase in cancer patient volume.

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Total Number of Positions Available per Year: One (1 or 2-year) position.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Overview: The Head and Neck Fellowship at Wayne State University is directed towards the development of future academic leaders in the field. In addition to instruction in the latest techniques in the management of the head and neck cancer patients, an appreciation of the research foundation upon which future developments depend will be established. This two-year combined clinical and research program was established in 1991. Although the program prefers a two-year applicant, a one-year experience is also offered. The program is clinically based in the Detroit Medical Center. This is a consortium of eight hospitals operating 2,300 beds throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. The primary geographic focus for the fellowship is at Harper Hospital in the downtown campus. This hospital is a primary acute adult care facility for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Comprehensive Cancer Center. This NCI-designated comprehensive center is actually one of the older cancer programs in existence. With the addition of a new research tower, there is approximately 225,000 sq. feet of research space. There are 135 Ph.D. level investigators. The center sees approximately 8,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients per year.

Requirements of Applicants: The successful applicant will have already completed a residency program in an appropriate surgical discipline. It is anticipated that some demonstration of “academic bent” will have already occurred during that residency. One such measure be the authorship of several publications.

Duties and Responsibilities of Trainees: The clinical program includes exposure to all current techniques, including microvascular and skull base resections. Microvascular laboratory facilities are available for the interested fellows. Familiarity with medical oncology and radiation therapy, along with rehabilitative options, is provided. As the center that identified and characterized the current “gold standard” of cisplatin and 5 fluorouracil, for the treatment of head and neck cancer patients, research continues into the role of chemotherapy in this disease. Exposure to all phases of drug development from phase 1 to phase 3 trials is offered. There is an extensive interaction with the clinical trial programs of this country. The only super-conducting cyclotron for medical usage in the country today is based in the Detroit Medical Center. Research continues in the role of radio-sensitizers and radio-protectors. Didactic lectures are intertwined with the Department of Otolaryngology and its residency program. The Barbara Ann Karmanos Comprehensive Cancer Center also conducts a lectureship program. The core curriculum is covered during the two-year fellowship with lectures during Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. This material is supplemented with lectures given during the weekly combines modality tumor conference. This conference is attended by surgeons, otolaryngologists, medical oncologists, radiation therapists, radiologists, pathologists, and rehabilitative specialists. Selected interesting cases are discussed along with a review of the current literature. A spirited discussion can usually be anticipated. Attendance is encouraged at the weekly department research conference and selected conferences in medical oncology and radiation therapy programs.

Research Opportunities: Basic science research opportunities exist in addition to clinical projects. Research mentors are selected jointly by the fellow and the mentor and along with the approval of the research committee. Currently, there exists funded research programs in flow/cytometry/cell culture, ototoxicity mechanism of drug residence, molecular markers, photodynamic therapy, and gene therapy.

Careers of Former Fellows: All fellows to date graduation the program have pursued careers in academic affiliations with rapid advancement for earlier fellows.

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