

**Geriatric ENT
(Ear, Voice and Swallowing Disorders)**

Goal: To provide an opportunity for the fellow to learn how to recognize, evaluate, treat and refer older adult patients with 1) voice disturbances, 2) dizziness, 3) hearing disorders, and 4) swallowing dysfunction.

Location: The Geriatric ENT Rotation will take place on the 2nd and 4th floor of the Eye and Ear Institute.

Preceptors: Joseph Furman, M.D.
Barry Hirsch, M.D.
Libby Smith, D.O.
Catherine Palmer, Ph.D.

Experience: The fellow will rotate through a variety of settings in order to appreciate a broad spectrum of geriatric otolaryngological disorders, as follows:

Monday PM: Vestibular Disorders (Dr. Joseph Furman) – 4th Floor, Eye & Ear Institute

Tuesday AM: Otological Disorders (Dr. Barry Hirsch)

Tuesday PM: Voice Disorders (Dr. Libby Smith)

Wednesday AM: Audiology (Dr. Catherine Palmer) – 4th Floor, Eye & Ear Institute

Thursday AM: Swallowing Disorders (Dr. Libby Smith; 1st and 3rd week)
Vestibular Rehabilitation (Laura Morris, PT; 2nd and 4th week)

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. To understand the pathophysiology of swallowing, voice and hearing disorders in older adults.
2. To describe the medical conditions that can present with dizziness.

Patient Care

1. To perform an accurate and thorough bedside examination of the older adult with swallowing dysfunction.
2. To perform an accurate and thorough bedside examination of the older adult with dizziness.
3. To perform an accurate and thorough bedside examination of the older adult with hearing difficulty.

4. To refer appropriately to other health care professionals such as those the fellow will be exposed to on this rotation, who can help the older adult with dizziness, and the older adult with swallowing, voice and hearing disorders.
5. To be proficient in incorporating accessory information (records from other physicians, rehabilitation specialists, diagnostic testing) into a patient's plan of care.
6. To review a patient's medications and be able to identify those that might contribute to disturbances in swallowing, voice, hearing and to dizziness.

Communication and Interpersonal Skills

1. To know how to communicate with older adults who have hearing disorders.

Evaluations: Direct observation and feedback by faculty
Competency-based faculty evaluation form at end of rotation

Recommended Reading:

Vestibular Disorders, 2nd edition by Furman and Cass; Oxford Univ. Press (to be loaned by Dr. Furman during rotation)

Bogardus ST Jr., Yueh B, Shekelle PG. Screening and management of adult hearing loss in primary care: clinical applications. JAMA 289(15): 1986-90, 2003.

Yueh B, Shapiro N, MacLean CH, Shekelle PG. Screening and management of adult hearing loss in primary care: scientific review. JAMA 289(15): 1976-85, 2003.