Each year we admit five trainees to our residency program. Three will enter the clinical track, while the remaining two will spend two years in research before beginning their second year of otolaryngology residency. We have two highly competitive ACGME accredited fellowships in Otology/Neurotology and Pediatric Otolaryngology as well as a world-class Head and Neck Microvascular fellowship. The Department prides itself in both excellent training of medical professionals and superlative patient care. Our commitment is to produce better practitioners of otolaryngology and increase the number of teacher-investigators in the field.

I am glad that you are considering the University of Iowa for your residency training.

Sincerely,

History

The department of Otolaryngology had its inception at the State University of Iowa in 1871, when a lectureship was established in ophthalmology and otology. Dr. E. F. Hagen was the first to occupy the lectureship position. He was followed by Dr. C. M. Hobby, who held the position from 1875 to 1879. A lectureship in dental surgery was given by Dr. I. F. Wilson of Burlington.

Dr. James W. Dalby succeeded Dr. Hobby in 1879, and in 1893 ophthalmology and otology were given full professorships with the appointment of Dr. Dalby as head of ophthalmology and Dr. Charles Robertson as head of otology. In 1898, the first University Hospital was opened for patients in the building now designated as East Hall. By 1900, the four medical courses were extended from 16 weeks to nine months, and the medical department assumed a truly academic status and became the College of Medicine.

When Dr. Dalby resigned in 1903 as professor of ophthalmology, Dr. Lee Wallace Dean was appointed his successor. Dr. Dean had received his BS Degree at the University of Iowa in 1894, and his MS and MD degrees in 1896. He served as assistant professor of physiology from 1898 to 1899 and professor of physiology from 1899 to 1901. For the next three years he was professor of ophthalmology and head of ophthalmology and assistant in otology. In 1903 he became professor and head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Otology.

Ultimately, Dr. Dean assumed additional responsibilities as Dean of the College of Medicine, a position he held until his resignation in 1927. In approximately 1920, Dr. Dean established a dental surgical service within the Department of Otolaryngology, and designated Ralph Fenton, DDS, to serve as professor.

In 1925, ophthalmology became a separate department, with Dr. Dean continuing as head of the Department of Otolaryngology and dean of the College of Medicine. Following his resignation, he became assistant and head of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Washington, St. Louis, MO., until his retirement in 1941. He died in 1944.

After the resignation of Dr. Dean in 1927, Dr. D.M. Lierle became acting head of the Department of Otolaryngology and Oral Surgery. In 1928 he was named professor and head of the department. It was in this year that the present University Hospitals were dedicated. In 1952 the Department of Oral Surgery became autonomous, and the Department of Otolaryngology became known as the Department of Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery. In 1959 the Board of Regents approved the title of Hospital Dental Department of the hospital dental service.

When Dr. Lierle retired as head of Otolaryngology in 1964, he was succeeded by Dr. Brian F. McCabe. Under Dr. McCabe's leadership, academic excellence became the department's goal. Multiple divisions were established that reflect the primary subspecialty services provided in the department: otology and neurotology, head and neck oncology, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, pediatric otolaryngology, speech pathology and audiology, and craniofacial surgery.

Long-term research projects in cleft lip and palate and cochlear implants were initiated during Dr. McCabe's tenure. In 1980 name of the department was officially changed to the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery.
Program Director Welcome

Welcome to the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Thank you for your interest in considering our program for your residency training.

The residency program at the University of Iowa follows a structured, progressive curriculum that focuses on consistency and continuity in patient care. Rotations are organized based on a team system, with residents rotating through each specialty area throughout the course of a year. This structure provides residents with the opportunity to follow the same patient from the initial clinical consultation, to surgery, and through the postoperative period.

During your R1 year at Iowa, you will spend six months in Otolaryngology, a valuable rotation that allows you to integrate into the Department. The remaining six months include one month each in Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Anesthesiology, and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and rotations on some of the following services: Thoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Surgical Oncology.

The educational program includes weekly conferences like the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Clinical Conference, Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Tumor Board, Melanoma Tumor Board, Endocrine Conference, and Grand Rounds. There are also conferences every Monday morning that are directed by the faculty and senior residents on a rotating basis. Monthly meetings include the Multidisciplinary Airway Conference, Pediatric Otolaryngology Conference, Otology Rounds, and Morbidly and Mortality Conference.

The Temporal Bone course is a year-long course that consists of anatomic dissection labs as well as didactic tutorials.

The Resident-Program Director Meeting is also held monthly. This is an important venue as it provides our residents with an opportunity to be proactive in ensuring that our program maintains its position as one of the premier training opportunities in the United States.

Our goals as a faculty are to facilitate your development as an otolaryngologist who is accomplished in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the head and neck; to foster a sense of critical thinking and excellent judgment; and to help you hone your skills as an investigator and a scholar.

Again, I am very pleased you have taken this opportunity to visit our institution, and I hope that you enjoy your stay in Iowa City.

Sincerely,

Kristi E Chang, MD
Associate Professor
Residency Program Director

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency program is to provide comprehensive training in the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery to generate physicians who are dedicated to delivering outstanding and compassionate patient care. We are committed to creating new knowledge and innovations that will improve our delivery of excellent, patient-centered care. Our program provides a stimulating environment that creates life-long learners who possess the tools needed for critical analysis and scholarly appraisal of the medical literature. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) primarily serve the state of Iowa and the surrounding areas, and are the primary site and sponsoring institution of this program. The Otolaryngology residency program and UIHC share the common mission of providing superior patient care while educating the next generation of exceptional physicians.

Life in Iowa City

...a city that provides for 3 million people that has 60,000 people™—Harry Hoffman, MD

Iowa City is a vibrant town that offers far more than its population-size would suggest. Home to the University of Iowa and a medical center that is over 3,000,000 square-feet, Iowa City draws people from all over the world, providing a diverse and rich cultural experience.

The world-renowned Iowa Writer’s Workshop is only one example of Iowa City’s commitment to the arts. The Englert Theater hosts the Landlocked Film Festival and numerous other live concerts and performances throughout the year. In the summer, Iowa City sponsors several events as part of its Summer of the Arts program. These include the Iowa City Jazz Festival, the free Friday night concert series and outdoor summer movies.

Whether watching the Hawkeyes in Kinnick Stadium or bicycling across the state as part of RAGBRAI, the world’s largest organized bicycle ride, athletics are also an important part of the Iowa City experience. Just a few miles north of the pedestrian mall, Coralville Lake and Marina offers opportunities for shopping also abound. Coral Ridge mall offers year-round ice skating, a Children’s Museum, 120 stores and a 10-screen movie theater.

Families with children are happy to discover the area’s emphasis on education. Whether it is the excellent public and private schools or the fact that Iowa City has highest percentage of adults holding a Bachelor’s degree or higher than anywhere in the country, Iowa’s commitment to education is readily apparent.

Iowa City is a UNESCO City of Literature, earning that distinction in November 2008 and becoming only the 3rd city to do so. USNews & World Report ranks The University of Iowa #33 for best universities among public, private and for profit institutions for 2017.

Life in Iowa City has all the cultural benefits of a larger metropolitan area without the congestion. With an affordable cost of living and short commute times, Iowa City offers an easy lifestyle.
Faculty

Nitin Pagedar, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Head & Neck Oncology

Nitin Pagedar, MD received his medical training from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed an internship and residency at Case Western and then completed a fellowship in Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Toronto from in 2007-2008. Dr. Pagedar's research interests include: outcomes of head and neck reconstructive surgery, utility of PET/CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer.

Richard Tyler, PhD
Professor
Director of Audiology

The University of Western Ontario was home to Richard Tyler for both his undergraduate and Master's degrees, specializing in Communications Disorders and Audiology respectively. He earned his Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Following three years at the Medical Research Council, Institute of Hearing Research, Nottingham, UK he was appointed the Director of Audiology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, a position that he has held since. He is regarded as one of the leading experts on the subject of tinnitus and is the recipient of a 5-year NIH grant to study the efficacy of Tinnitus Retraining Therapy.

Jarrett Walsh, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
Rhinology

Jarrett Walsh received his medical and doctoral training through the Medical Scientist Training Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his Otolaryngology residency at the University of Iowa before completing a fellowship in Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery at the University of Miami. His current clinical focus is in advanced rhinology and anterior skull base surgery. He is actively involved in clinical research identifying the impact of immunodeficiencies on chronic rhinosinusitis. Additional research interests include characterizing the inflammatory micromenvironment in chronic rhinosinusitis.

Douglas Van Daele, MD
Professor
General Otolaryngology, Speech and Swallowing, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs

Douglas Van Daele, MD completed both his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Iowa and later his medical degree at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. This was followed by a year of general surgery prior to being awarded two years of NIH funded research. Following that, he completed his Otolaryngology training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He started his practice in the Department in 2004. His clinical interest is in laryngeal physiology with an emphasis on its relation to swallowing disorders and patients with voice disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia. Dr. Van Daele is the Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs in the Carver College of Medicine and Executive Director of the University of Iowa Physicians.

Why Iowa?

“I loved the emphasis on academics and research, and the faculty and residents were the best I had met - it was an easy choice!”
- Marina Bucharjian, PhD, MD; Class of 2018 and current faculty member

“World-class faculty, friendly residents, incredible research opportunities.”
- Elliot Shearer, PhD, MD; Class of 2019

“Excellent training reputation with outstanding and approachable attendees in all subspecialties, research in hearing loss genetics, eft clinic run by ENT, sense of camaraderie among residents and faculty, night float system.”
- Richard Tilton, MD; Class of 2020

Quotes From Current and Past Residents

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- Deliver a core curriculum that allows residents to gain knowledge encompassing the entire breadth of the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- Generate understanding in the art of inquiry and science of discovery to improve patient care and expand our specialty
- Develop clinical reasoning and judgment skills necessary to approach complex as well as common problems that present to Otolaryngologists
- Develop the necessary skills and knowledge used in the areas of teaching, quality and safety, and scholarship
- Provide clinical experiences allowing residents to learn and practice delivering team-based care that reflects respect for patient values and preferences
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The Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is one of the oldest departments in the United States and one of the most comprehensive in the world. Our institute is among the largest of its kind and is a world-class facility housing 28 exam rooms, a surgeon center, and separate reception areas for different groups of patients. Clinical research centers include a Balance Disorders Center, a Cochlear Implant Center, and a Voice and Swallowing Center.

Annually we receive $5 million in grants from the NIH to pursue our research goals. We have two highly competitive ACGME accredited fellowships in otolaryngology and pediatric otolaryngology and a world-class head and neck microvascular fellowship.

U.S. News has consistently rated the department among the top ACGME accredited fellowship programs in the United States since 1990. “Best Doctors”, an online database of peer evaluated physicians, has consistently included otolaryngology programs in the United States.

Facilities

First Magnet Hospital in Iowa

Inaugurated in February 2000, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Covering an area of 40,000 square feet, the facility offers 29 exam rooms spread over four clinical-specialty areas: Otology/Neurotology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, General Otolaryngology/Rhinology and Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Exam rooms for each of the specialty areas are specifically equipped for the needs of that specialty. Otology/Neurotology rooms all have ceiling mounted microscopes, while Pediatric rooms are softened by the inclusion of activities and games for children. The new Facial Plastic and Reconstructive surgery clinic is designed as a “clinic with a clinic” in order to streamline the patient experience and to offer a more private waiting room area.

For minor procedures patients have immediate access to our surgeon center fitted with state of the art equipment. The surgeon center provides the department with the flexibility it needs to perform smaller procedures and biopsies without having to arrange time in the Main Operating Rooms suite.

We have an additional 35,000 square feet of dedicated research space that support the research goals of our investigators. This includes the Center for Auditory Regeneration occupying the fifth-floor of the Carver Biomedical Research Building. Directed by Bruce Gantz, MD and Richard Smith, MD, the center offers a unique environment for multidisciplinary research into new treatments for permanent inner ear diseases and disorders that cause hearing loss and deafness. This work complements UI expertise and innovation in cochlear implants, including brainstem implants and short electrodes for high frequency hearing loss.

Faculty

Scott Owen, MD
Assistant Professor
Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Director, Facial Nerve Center

Scott Owen earned his medical degree at the University of Virginia before completing his residency in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa. He went on to complete a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. His current practice consists of a wide range of facial reconstructive and cosmetic surgery. His current areas of academic interest include microtia, facial reanimation, rhinoplasty, and complex congenital and craniofacial reconstruction.

José Manaligod MD
Associate Professor
Pediatric Otolaryngology

José Manaligod received his medical training from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He completed a residency in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology through University of Iowa College of Medicine. Following his formal training he was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery/Division of Otolaryngology and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He accepted the position of assistant professor at the University of Iowa in 2001. His clinical interests focus on pediatric sinus disease, and airway reconstruction, while his research is directed towards the molecular genetics of voice and airway disorders.

Sohit Kanotra, MBBS
Associate Professor
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Dr. Sohit Paul Kanotra joined University of Iowa in March of 2019 prior to which he was the Director of the Pediatric Aerodigestive Center and the Surgical Director of the Vascular Anomalies Clinic at Children’s Hospital New Orleans. He is dual fellowship trained in Pediatric Otolaryngology from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and Thyroid Parathyroid surgery from St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital in Columbia University, New York. Dr. Kanotra has an expertise in management of complex pediatric airway disorders including open airway reconstruction, management of pediatric swallowing disorders and head and neck vascular anomalies as well as endoscopic ear surgery. Apart from having a very active clinical practice, Dr. Kanotra is involved internationally in various humanitarian efforts. He is actively involved in research and fosters a strong interest in basic science research in airway reconstruction, airway injury as well as clinical research focused on pediatric dysphagia, and thyroid disorders.
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Residency Program overview

Residency Program
Each year a total of five applicants are chosen to begin their residency here. Three residents are matched to the clinical track (5 years) and two residents are matched to the research track (7 years). All residents are required to complete their internship year at the University of Iowa. During their first year, each resident’s schedule will include a two-month otolaryngology rotation.

Resident Research
During the four years of otolaryngology training, each resident enjoys up to two research rotations to explore those aspects of research that are of interest to them.

Clinical Track
The clinical track program includes four years of concentrated clinical study in all aspects of otolaryngology. Residents rotate through the Head and Neck, Otolaryngology/Neurotology and Pediatric Services within the clinic during their second and third years. As their skills progress, residents assume responsibility for the services at UIHC and at affiliated training facilities within Iowa.

Research Track
The research track is designed for the applicant interested in a research career in otolaryngology. After internship, the resident completes two years of research training followed by 4 years of clinical training. The interaction of clinicians and basic scientists from several departments allows the resident the opportunity to be involved in a wide spectrum of research. This varies from electrophysiology of the auditory system to the genetics of head and neck cancer and gene therapy.

Training Conferences
Basic Science course in Otolaryngology
The PGY-2 resident begins their training with a 6 week intensive Basic Science course. This is divided into an anatomy component allowing the resident to meticulously dissect all structures of the head and neck under staff supervision. During the remaining five-week lecture series, residents are presented over 120 hours of topics detailing the study of Otolaryngology and all its interrelated disciplines.

Head and Neck Course
Every May or June the “Head and Neck” series of courses is hosted by the Department of Otolaryngology drawing international participants as well speakers regarded as leaders in their specialties. Residents participate in the Head and Neck Course during their third and fifth years.

Functional Endoscopic Sinus Course
This is a two-day course designed to provide information and laboratory experience regarding advanced techniques and approaches in endoscopic sinus surgery. The participants will receive hands-on experience using endoscopic instruments and power instrumentation to perform FESS on fresh cadaver specimens. Fourth year residents attend this course.

A Team Approach
The team approach was created and implemented not only to expand on the learning capacity for residents, but also to generate more personal time and flexibility. It allows residents to take charge of their patients as part of a continuous care process and ultimately results in more surgical experience earlier in their training.

The Department recognizes the importance of a healthy work/life balance. Residents enjoy more time to study and/or free time as a result of the team approach. Weekly working hours are capped and limited to ensure the well-being of our residents.

House Staff Benefits
Medical Care
As a service to residents, the UIHC provides comprehensive medical, dental and hospital care for house staff physicians, dentists and their dependents.

Counseling services
The UIHC recognizes that graduate medical and dental education places increasing responsibility on house staff members and requires sustained intellectual and physical effort. It is further recognized that for some these demands will at times cause emotional or physical stress. In all such instances, house staff physicians, dentists and members of their immediate families are encouraged to seek help. In that regard, a list of contacts and resources is provided.
Residency Program introduction

Resident Year 1
University of Iowa General Surgery – 12 months:
• Six month rotation, Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery.
• Remaining six months include one month each in Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Anesthesia, Neurosurgery, and Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery and rotations on some of the following services: Thoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Surgical Oncology.

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon on adult and pediatric airway cases and some sinus surgeries.

Resident Year 2*
University of Iowa – 52 weeks:
• Basic Science Course – 6 weeks
• Head and Neck service – 9 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 18 weeks
• Otology/Rhino- laryngology service – 18 weeks

Surgical experience:
• Assist with major head and neck cases, minor head and neck cases, and primary surgeon on minor cases

Resident Year 3
University of Iowa – 32 weeks:
• Head and Neck service – 12 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 10 weeks
• Research Elective – 10 weeks
• Research on Adult MedCenter – 10 weeks

Surgical experience:
• Competency of minor surgeries and increasing autonomy on major head and neck or otology cases.
• Primary surgeon on adult and pediatric airway cases and some sinus surgeries.

Resident Year 4
University of Iowa – 52 weeks:
• Head and Neck service – 10 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 10 weeks
• Otology/Rhino-laryngology service – 10 weeks
• Multi-Disciplinary Float – 10-12 weeks
• Research – 10-12 weeks

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon on major head and neck, plastics, sinus and pediatric cases.

Resident Year 5
University of Iowa – 40-42 weeks:
• Head and Neck – 10 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General – 20 weeks
• Otology/Rhino-laryngology – 10 weeks

Surgical experience:
• Competency of minor surgeries and increasing autonomy on major head and neck cases, and primary surgeon on minor cases.

Conferences, Lectures and Rounds

Weekly:
- Monday: 5:00 am Resident Didactic Sessions
- Tuesday: 7:00 am Grand Rounds
- Wednesday: 5:30 pm Ear rounds – Dr. Gantz
- Thursday: Every other week Melanoma rounds
- Friday: 6:30 pm Head and Neck Oncology Tumor Board

Annually:
- March: In-Service exam
- May: Head & Neck Cancer Course; Endoscopic Sinus Course
- June: Management of Tinnitus Patient Course; Clinical Conference/Research Day
- July/August: Basic Science Course
- October: Fall Clinical Conference

Vacations:
Each resident is entitled to 3 weeks per year

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon on myringotomy and tubes, tonsillectomies, minor head and neck cases, minor plastics cases.
• Assist on major head and neck, otology, pediatric cases, facial plastics and endoscopic sinus surgery.

*Residents in the clinical research combined program do two years of research between R1 and R2 Otolaryngology.

Marlan Hansen, MD
Professor & Head
Otolaryngology, Neurotology, Skull Base Surgery

Marlan Hansen, MD began his medical training by graduating with honors from the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He then moved to the University of Iowa for subsequent training: first as an intern in the Department of Surgery, followed by two years of NIH-funded research. He remained to complete his residency in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery before moving to the House Ear clinic in California to pursue a fellowship in neurosurgery and skull base surgery. Dr. Hansen joined the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 2003, and was appointed as department head in July of 2020. Dr. Hansen’s research interests lie in the study of cochlear implantation and the development of vestibular schwannommas.

Bruce Gantz, MD
Professor & Chair Emeritus
Otolaryngology, Neurotology, Skull Base Surgery

Bruce Gantz, MD, obtained his Medical degree in 1974 from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. After a one-year internship at the University of Utah College of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals, he returned to complete his residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He then pursued a neurotology fellowship at Universitätsspital Zürich, Switzerland. His appointment as a Professor of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery in 1988 and became a full professor in 1987. He was appointed as Department Head in 1995 and named Brian E. McCabe Distinguished Chair in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery in 1998. He served as the chair of the department through June of 2020. He is the Director of the Iowa Cochlear Implant Project and has achieved continuous research support from the NIH-NIDCD since 1980, and previously held an appointment as Director of the American Board of Otolaryngology. In 2000, he was elected into the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine.

Richard Smith, MD
Professor & Vice Chair
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Richard Smith, MD, is a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, where he received his medical degree in 1977. He spent two years as a general surgery resident at the University of Texas Health Science Center before returning to Baylor College of Medicine to complete his Otolaryngology training. In 1982-3, he completed additional training in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Hospital for Sick Children in London, England. Upon his return he was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1988.

Rodrigo Bayon, MD
Associate Professor
Head & Neck Oncology

Rodrigo Bayon, MD earned his medical degree from the University of South Florida. He completed his residency in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Northwestern University and subsequently completed a fellowship in Head & Neck Oncology & Reconstructive Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He is developing a trans-oral robotic surgical program (TORS). Dr. Bayon joined the faculty at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in July of 2011.
Residency Program introduction

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• Six month rotation, Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery.
• Remaining six months include one month each in Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Anesthesia, Neurosurgery, and Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery and rotations on some of the following services: Thoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Surgical Oncology.
• Call: Determined by individual services

Surgical experience:
• Assist with major head and neck cases and primary surgeon on minor cases

Resident Year 2*
University of Iowa – 52 weeks:
• Basic Science Course – 6 weeks
• Head and Neck service – 9 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 18 weeks
• Otology/Rhino/General service – 18 weeks

Night Float:
• Two rotations of 3 weeks.

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon on maxillofacial and tubal, tonsillectomy, minor head and neck cases, minor plastics cases. Assist on major head and neck, otology, pediatric cases, facial plastics and endoscopic sinus surgery

Residents in the clinical research combined program do two years of research between R1 and R2 Otolaryngology.

Resident Year 3
University of Iowa – 32 weeks:
• Head and Neck service – 12 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 10 weeks
• Research Elective – 10 weeks
• Veterans Administration Medical Center – 10 weeks.
• Call: Night float 3 weeks x 1. Home call when at the VA or in Mason City.

Surgical experience:
• Competency of minor surgeries and increasing autonomy on major head and neck or otology cases.
• Primary surgeon on adult and pediatric airway cases and some sinus surgeries.

Resident Year 4
University of Iowa – 52 weeks:
• Head and Neck service – 10 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General service – 10 weeks
• Otology/Rhino – 10 weeks
• Multi-Disciplinary Float – 10-12 weeks
• Research – 10-12 weeks
• Call: 16 at home while on University rotations shared with NGY-5.

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon on major head and neck, plastics, sinus and pediatric cases.

Resident Year 5
University of Iowa – 10-12 weeks:
• Head and Neck – 10 weeks
• Pediatrics/Plastic Surgery/General – 20 weeks
• Otology/Rhino/General – 10 weeks
• Veterans Administration in Iowa City – 10 weeks
• Call: 1/3 home while on University rotations shared with R-4s. Back-up call at the VA Hospital

Surgical experience:
• Primary surgeon or resident instructor on major cases.

Conferences, Lectures and Rounds
Weekly:
Monday: 5:00 am Resident Didactic Sessions
Tuesday: 7:00 am Grand Rounds
(M&M’s 1st Tuesday of the month)
5:00 pm Temporal Bone course
6:30 pm Ped Journal Club, every other week
Wednesday: 5:30 pm Ear rounds – Dr. Gantz
7:00 pm R-4’s Endoscopic Sinus Course
7:00 pm R-4’s In-service exam
Every other week Melanoma rounds
Friday: 5:30 pm R-4’s Didactic Sessions (M&M’s 1st Tuesday of the month)
6:00 pm Dermatology Round
6:30 pm Resident Research Day
7:00 pm R-4’s ENT Conference/Head and Neck Tumor Board
7:30 pm R-4’s Fellows Conference
7:30 pm R-4’s Head and Neck Research Group
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Otolaryngology, Neurotology, Skull Base Surgery

Marlan Hansen, MD began his medical training by graduating with honors from the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He then moved to the University of Iowa for subsequent training: first as an intern in the Department of Surgery, followed by two years of NIH-funded research. He remained to complete his residency in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery before moving to the House Ear clinic in California to pursue a fellowship in neurosurgery and skull base surgery. Dr. Hansen joined the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 2003, and was appointed as department head in July of 2020. Dr. Hansen’s research interests lie in the study of cochlear implantation and the development of vestibular schwannomas.

Bruce Gantz, MD
Professor & Chair Emeritus
Otolaryngology, Neurotology, Skull Base Surgery

Bruce Gantz, MD, obtained his Medical degree in 1974 from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. After a one-year internship at the University of Utah College of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals, he returned to complete his residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He then pursued a neurotology fellowship at Universitäts Spital Zürich, Otorhinolaryngologische Klinik and Poliklinik in Zürich, Switzerland. Dr. Gantz joined the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery in 1980 and became a full professor in 1987. He was appointed as Department Head in 1995 and named Brian E. McCabe Distinguished Chair in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery in 1998. He served as the chair of the department through June of 2020. He is the Director of the Iowa Cochlear Implant Project and has achieved continuous research support from the NIH-NIDCD since 1980, and previously held an appointment as Director of the American Board of Otolaryngology. In 2000, he was elected into the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine.

Richard Smith, MD
Professor & Vice Chair
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Richard Smith, MD, is a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, where he received his medical degree in 1977. He spent two years as a general surgery resident at the University of Texas Health Science Center before returning to Baylor College of Medicine to complete his Otolaryngology training. In 1982-3, he completed additional training in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Hospital for Sick Children in London, England. Upon his return he was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1988. His appointment as a Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 1990 was followed by a research sabatical at the Medical Research Council Institute of Hearing Research in Nottingham, England. Currently he is Vice-Chairman in the Department of Otolaryngology where he specializes in Pediatric Otolaryngology. He is also a professor in the Interdepartmental Genetics PhD program. The University of Iowa College of Medicine awarded him the Stiba Hearing Research Professorship in 1999 to recognize his work with the Molecular Otolaryngology Research Laboratory (MORL). In October 2006 he was elected into the Institute of Medicine.

Rodrigo Bayon, MD
Associate Professor
Head & Neck Oncology

Rodrigo Bayon, MD earned his medical degree from the University of South Florida. He completed his residency in Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery at Northwestern University and subsequently completed a fellowship in Head & Neck Oncology & Reconstructive Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He is developing a trans-oral robotic surgical program (TORS). Dr. Bayon joined the faculty at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in July of 2011.
**Faculty**

**Marisa Buchakjian, MD, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
Head & Neck Oncology  

The newest member of the Oncology team, Dr. Buchakjian, earned her medical degree from Duke University, school of Medicine and completed a Ph.D. in Molecular Cancer Biology during her training. She went on to complete the T32 residency at the University of Iowa with research focusing on mouse models of cancer and subsequently trained at the University of Michigan in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery. She joined the UIHC Otolaryngology faculty in 2019 as a surgeon-oncologist, with interests in free flap reconstruction, robotics, and head and neck cancer metabolism.

**Kristi Chang, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Head & Neck Oncology  

Kristi Chang, MD earned her medical degree from the University of Southern California. She remained there to complete her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine, USC. Dr. Chang then moved to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics during the summer of 2002 to begin her fellowship in Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery, after which she was offered a faculty appointment.

Dr. Chang completed a Master’s degree in Medical Education, and is interested in medical and resident education, particularly in using simulation to improve surgical skills.

**Scott Graham, MBBS**  
Professor Rhinology  

A medical graduate of the University of Adelaide, South Australia, Dr. Graham joined the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in 1990 following a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Head and Neck Oncology at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. His clinical practice specializes in rhinology and paranasal sinus disease, while his research endeavors are directed towards developing a nasal model for gene therapy in Cystic Fibrosis and extending applications of endoscopic sinus surgery.

**Henry Hoffman, MD**  
Professor  
Laryngology, Head & Neck Oncology  

Henry Hoffman, MD, received his Medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. After completing his residency in Otolaryngology at the University of Iowa, he worked at the Nalle Clinic in Charlotte, North Carolina, for two years. Between 1987-90 he completed a fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery while pursuing a Masters degree in Microbiology at the University of Michigan. He was appointed an assistant adjunct professor in Otolaryngology at the University of California, San Diego from 1989 to 1990. Dr. Hoffman joined the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 1990, as the Director of both the Head and Neck Oncology Division and of the Voice Clinic. He has been elected by the American College of Surgeons, Board of Regents to a 10-year appointment to the Commission on Cancer.

**Xiaoyang Hua, MD, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
General Otolaryngology  

The newest faculty member in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Hua earned his medical degrees from Tongji Medical University, and completed the seven-year research track residency program at the University of Iowa. His research focuses on airway immunology and inflammatory diseases. Clinically, Dr. Hua practices comprehensive otolaryngology with an emphasis in rhinology and otology.

**Deborah Kacmarynski, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Pediatric Otolaryngology  

Deborah Kacmarynski, MD earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Iowa and worked nearly a decade at 3M Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. She then completed her medical degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and remained there to complete her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. She also completed a Master of Science in Otolaryngology during her training Dr. Kacmarynski moved back to Iowa City for a two-year Pediatric Otolaryngology fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She joined the faculty in 2009. She works closely with the Department of Biomedical Engineering for her research work developing physical and computer models to understand pediatric laryngotracheal diseases causing obstruction. She also holds a joint appointment in the Department of Pediatrics and is faculty in the Health Informatics graduate program.

**Residency Program overview**

**Residency Program**

Each year a total of five applicants are chosen to begin their residency here. Three residents are matched to the clinical track (5 years) and two residents are matched to the research track (7 years). All residents are required to complete their internship year at the University of Iowa. During their first year, each resident’s schedule will include a two-month otolaryngology rotation.

**Resident Research**

During the four years of otolaryngology training, each resident enjoys up to two research rotations to explore those aspects of research that are of interest to them.

**Clinical Track**

The clinical track program includes four years of concentrated clinical study in all aspects of otolaryngology. Residents rotate through the Head and Neck, Otolaryngology and Pediatric Services within the clinic during their second and third years. As their skills progress, residents assume responsibility for the services at UIHC and at affiliated training facilities within Iowa.

**Research Track**

The research track is designed for the applicant interested in a research career in otolaryngology. After internship, the resident completes two years of research training followed by 4 years of clinical training. The interaction of clinicians and basic scientists from several departments affords the resident the opportunity to be involved in a wide spectrum of research. This varies from electrophysiology of the auditory system to the genetics of head and neck cancer and gene therapy.

**Training Conferences**

**Basic Science course in Otolaryngology**

The PGY-2 resident begins their training with a 6 week intensive Basic Science course. This is divided into an anatomy component allowing the resident to meticulously dissect all structures of the head and neck under staff supervision. During the remaining five-week lecture series, residents are presented over 120 hours of topics detailing the study of Otolaryngology and all its interconnected disciplines.

**Head and Neck Course**

Every May or June the “Head and Neck” series of courses is hosted by the Department of Otolaryngology drawing international participants as well spoken regarding as leaders in their specialties. Residents participate in the Head and Neck Course during their third and fifth years.

**Functional Endoscopic Sinus Course**

This is a two-day course designed to provide information and laboratory experience regarding advanced techniques and approaches in endoscopic sinus surgery. The participants will receive hands-on experience using endoscopic instruments and power instrumentation to perform FESS on fresh cadaver specimens. Fourth year residents attend this course.

**A Team Approach**

The team approach was created and implemented not only to expand on the learning capacity for residents, but also to generate more personal time and flexibility. It allows residents to take charge of their patients as part of a continuous care process and ultimately results in more surgical experience earlier in their training.

The Department recognizes the importance of a healthy work/life balance. Residents enjoy more time to study and/or free time as a result of the team approach. Weekly working hours are capped and limited to ensure the well-being of our residents.

**House Staff Benefits**

**Medical Care**

As a service to residents, the UIHC provides comprehensive medical, dental and hospital care for house staff physicians, dentists and their dependents.

**Counseling services**

The UIHC recognizes that graduate medical and dental education places increasing responsibility on house staff members and requires sustained intellectual and physical effort. It is further recognized that for some these demands will at times cause emotional or physical stress. In all such instances, house staff physicians, dentists and members of their immediate families are encouraged to seek help. In that regard, a list of contacts and resources is provided.
Facilities

The Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is one of the oldest departments in the United States and one of the most comprehensive in the world.

Our institute is among the largest of its kind and is a, world-class facility housing 28 exam rooms, a surgicenter, and separate reception areas for different groups of patients. Clinical research centers include: a Balance Disorders Center, a Cochlear Implant Center, and a Voice and Swallowing Center.

Annually we receive $5 million in grants from the NIH to pursue our research goals. We have two highly competitive ACGME accredited fellowships in otology/neurotology and pediatric otolaryngology and a world-class head and neck microvascular fellowship.

U.S. News has consistently rated the otolaryngology programs in the United States since 1990. “Best Doctors”, an annual publication that rates outstanding physicians, has consistently included members of our faculty in its database.

First Magnet Hospital in Iowa

Inaugurated in February 2000, the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery is located on the second floor of the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Covering an area of 40,000 square feet, the facility offers 29 exam rooms spread over four clinical-specialty areas: Otolaryngology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, General Otolaryngology/Rhinology and Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Exam rooms for each of the specialty areas are specifically equipped for the needs of that specialty.

Otolaryngology rooms all have ceiling mounted microscopes, while Pediatric rooms are softened by the inclusion of activities and games for children. The new Facial Plastic and Reconstructive surgery clinic is designed as a “clinic with a clinic” in order to streamline the patient experience and to offer a more private waiting room area.

Activities in our Research Building.

We have an additional 35,000 square feet of dedicated research space that support the research goals of our investigators-this includes the Center for Auditory Regeneration occupying the fifth-floor of the Carver Biomedical Research Building. Directed by Bruce Gantz, MD and Richard Smith, MD, the center offers a unique environment for multidisciplinary research into new treatments for permanent inner ear diseases and disorders that cause hearing loss and deafness. This work complements UI expertise and innovation in cochlear implants, including brain stem implants and short electrodes for high frequency hearing loss.

Faculty

Sohit Kanotra, MBBS
Associate Professor
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Dr. Sohit Paul Kanotra joined University of Iowa in March 2019 prior to which he was the Director of the Pediatric Aerodigestive Center and the Surgical Director of the Vascular Anomalies Clinic at Children’s Hospital New Orleans. He is dual fellowship trained in Pediatric Otolaryngology from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and Thyroid Parathyroid surgery from St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital in Columbia University, New York. Dr. Kanotra has an expertise in management of complex pediatric airway disorders including open airway reconstruction, management of pediatric swallowing disorders and head and neck vascular anomalies as well as endoscopic ear surgery. Apart from having a very active clinical practice, Dr. Kanotra is involved internationally in various humanitarian efforts. He is actively involved in research and fosters a strong interest in basic science research in airway reconstruction, airway injury as well as clinical research focused on pediatric dysphagia, and thyroid disorders.

José Manaligod MD
Associate Professor
Pediatric Otolaryngology

José Manaligod received his medical training from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He completed a residency in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology through University of Iowa College of Medicine. Following his formal training he was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery/Division of Otolaryngology and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

He accepted the position of assistant professor at the University of Iowa in 2001. His clinical interests focus on pediatric sleep disorder, and airway reconstruction, while his research is directed towards the molecular genetics of voice and airway disorder.

Scott Owen, MD
Assistant Professor
Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Director, Facial Nerve Center

Scott Owen earned his medical degree at the University of Virginia before completing his residency in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa. He went on to complete a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. His current practice consists of a wide range of facial reconstructive and cosmetic surgery. His current areas of academic interest include microtia, facial reanimation, rhinoplasty, and complex congenital and craniofacial reconstruction.
Faculty
Nitin Pagedar, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Head & Neck Oncology

Nitin Pagedar, MD received his medical training from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed an internship and residency at Case Western and then completed a fellowship in Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Toronto from in 2007-2008.

Dr. Pagedar’s research interests include: outcomes of head and neck reconstructive surgery, utility of PET/CT scanning for staging of head and neck cancer, voice alteration after laryngectomy, maxillary reconstruction and education in microvascular reconstructive surgery.

Richard Tyler, PhD
Professor
Director of Audiology

The University of Western Ontario was home to Richard Tyler for both his undergraduate and Master’s degrees, specializing in Communications Disorders and Audiology respectively. He earned his Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, following three years at the Medical Research Council, Institute of Hearing Research, Nottingham, UK he was appointed the Director of Audiology at the University of Iowa, Hospitals and Clinics, a position that he has held since. He is regarded as one of the leading experts on the subject of tinnitus and is the recipient of a 5-year NIH grant to study the efficacy of Tinnitus Retraining Therapy.

Douglass Van Daele, MD
Professor
General Otolaryngology, Speech and Swallowing, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs

Douglass Van Daele, MD completed both his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Iowa and later his medical degree at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. This was followed by a year of general surgery prior to being awarded two years of NIH funded research. Following that, he completed his Otolaryngology training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He started his practice in the Department in 2004. His clinical interest is in laryngeal physiology with an emphasis on its relation to swallowing disorders and patients with voice disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia. Dr. Van Daele is the Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs in the Carver College of Medicine and Executive Director of the University of Iowa Physicians.

Jarrett Walsh
MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
RhinoDud

Jarrett Walsh received his medical and doctoral training through the Medical Scientist Training Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his Otolaryngology residency at the University of Iowa before completing a fellowship in Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery at the University of Miami. His current clinical focus is in advanced rhinology and anterior skull base surgery. He is actively involved in clinical research identifying the impact of immunodeficiencies on chronic rhinosinusitis. Additional research interests include characterizing the inflammatory microenvironment in chronic rhinosinusitis.

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• Train future physicians to be lifelong learners, committed to self-reflection, self-assessment and improvement
• Deliver a core curriculum that allows residents to gain knowledge encompassing the entire breadth of the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
• Generate understanding in the art of inquiry and science of discovery to improve patient care and expand our specialty
• Develop clinical reasoning and judgment skills necessary to approach complex as well as common problems that present to Otolaryngologists
• Develop the necessary skills and knowledge used in the areas of teaching, quality and safety, and scholarship
• Provide clinical experiences allowing residents to learn and practice delivering team-based care that reflects respect for patient values and preferences
• Provide opportunities and flexibility supporting individualized career plans
• Foster a learning environment that promotes progressive responsibility and graduated autonomy
• Maintain a supportive culture which prioritizes residents’ wellness and enhances camaraderie and mentorship

Quotes From Current and Past Residents

“Coming from the East Coast I found Iowa to be a breath of fresh air. Iowa is a high powered academic program but with a low key Midwestern attitude. I started my family here and have only good things to say about life outside the hospital.”

Jonathan Kopelowich, MD Grad (2014)

“Great people, established program, fun things to do.”
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Program Director Welcome
Welcome to the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Thank you for your interest in considering our program for your residency training.

The residency program at the University of Iowa follows a structured, progressive curriculum that focuses on consistency and continuity in patient care. Rotations are organized based on a team system, with residents rotating through each specialty area throughout the course of a year. This structure provides residents with the opportunity to follow the same patient from the initial clinical consultation, to surgery, and through the postoperative period.

During your R1 year at Iowa, you will spend six months in Otolaryngology, a valuable rotation that allows you to integrate into the Department. The remaining six months include one month each in Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Anesthesiology, Neurosurgery, and Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery and rotations on some of the following services: Thoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Surgical Oncology.

The educational program includes weekly conferences like the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Clinical Conference, Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Tumor Board, Melanoma Tumor Board, Endocrine Conference and Grand Rounds. There are also conferences every Monday morning that are directed by the faculty and senior residents on a rotating basis. Monthly meetings include the Multidisciplinary Airway Conference, Pediatric Otolaryngology Conference, Otology Rounds, and Mortality Conference.

The Temporal Bone course is a year-long course that consists of anatomic dissection labs as well as didactic tutorials.

The Resident-Program Director Meeting is also held monthly. This an important venue as it provides our residents with an opportunity to be proactive in ensuring that our program maintains its position as one of the premier training opportunities in the United States.

Our goals as a faculty are to facilitate your development as an otolaryngologist who is accomplished in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the head and neck; to foster a sense of critical thinking and excellent judgment; and to help you hone your skills as an investigator and a scholar.

Again, I am very pleased you have taken this opportunity to visit our institution, and I hope that you enjoy your stay in Iowa City.

Sincerely,

Kristi E Chang, MD
Associate Professor
Residency Program Director

Mission Statement
The mission of the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency program is to provide comprehensive training in the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery to generate physicians who are dedicated to delivering outstanding and compassionate patient care. We are committed to creating new knowledge and innovations that will improve our delivery of excellent, patient-centered care. Our program provides a stimulating environment that creates lifelong learners who possess the tools needed for critical analysis and scholarly appraisal of the medical literature. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) primarily serve the state of Iowa and the surrounding areas, and are the primary site and sponsoring institution of this program. The Otolaryngology residency program and UIHC share the common mission of providing superior patient care while educating the next generation of exceptional physicians.

Life in Iowa City
...a city that provides for 3 million people that has 60,000 people”—Harry Hoffman, MD*

Iowa City is a vibrant town that offers far more than its population-size would suggest. Home to the University of Iowa and a medical center that is over 3,000,000 square-feet, Iowa City draws people from all over the world, providing a diverse and rich cultural experience.

The world-renowned Iowa Writer’s Workshop is only one example of Iowa City’s commitment to the arts. The Englert Theater hosts the Landlocked Film Festival and numerous other live concerts and performances throughout the year. In the summer, Iowa City sponsors several events as part of its Summer of the Arts program. These include the Iowa City Jazz Festival, the free Friday night concert series and outdoor summer movies.

Whether watching the Hawkeyes in Kinnick Stadium or bicycling across the state as part of RAGBRAI, the world’s largest organized bicycle ride, athletics are also an important part of the Iowa City experience. Just a few miles north of the pedestrian mall, Coralville Lake and Marina offers opportunities for shopping also abound. Coral Ridge mall offers year-round ice skating, a Children’s Museum, 120 stores and a 10-screen movie theater.

Families with children are happy to discover the area’s emphasis on education. Whether it is the excellent public and private schools or the fact that Iowa City has highest percentage of adults holding a Bachelor’s degree or higher than anywhere in the country, Iowa’s commitment to education is readily apparent.

Iowa City is a UNESCO City of Literature, earning that distinction in November 2008 and becoming only the 3rd city to do so. USNews & World Report ranks The University of Iowa #33 for best universities among public, private and for profit institutions for 2017.

Life in Iowa City has all the cultural benefits of a larger metropolitan area without the congestion. With an affordable cost of living and short commute times, Iowa City offers an easy lifestyle.
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We have two highly competitive ACGME accredited fellowships in Otology/Neurotology and Pediatric Otolaryngology as well as a world-class Head and Neck Microvascular fellowship. The Department prides itself in both excellent training of medical professionals and superlative patient care. Our commitment is to produce better practitioners of otolaryngology and increase the number of teacher-investigators in the field.

I am glad that you are considering the University of Iowa for your residency training.

Sincerely,

I would like to thank you for your interest in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Founded in 1922, the UI Department of Otolaryngology is among the oldest in the United States and one of the most comprehensive in the world. It is situated in one of the largest university-owned teaching hospitals in the country. U.S. News & World Report has rated this department among the top otolaryngology programs in the United States for over 25 years. Our faculty bring tremendous skill to a state-of-the-art clinical facility, allowing for the comprehensive management of the most complex patients.

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Chair Welcome