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.

The aims of the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency program are to:

- 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