CHAIR'S WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the faculty, residents, and staff of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at KU, I welcome you to our website. We are proud of our history and look forward to continued growth. Our goal is to be among the nation's leaders in innovative and patient-centric care, research and education in Otolaryngology. Soon, we will be expanding into a new, state-of-the-art building designed specifically for Otolaryngology, Neurosciences, and Surgical Oncology. Our faculty come from all over the country and are recognized leaders in their subspecialties. Whether it be sinus surgery, head and neck cancer, care of the voice, pediatric care, allergy treatments, or hearing loss surgery, all of our providers share the same principles. Patient satisfaction is as important to us as our treatment outcomes, and our faculty and staff recognize the great sacrifices many of our patients undergo to come to Kansas City for their treatment.

Our educational program is the heart and soul of our Department, and we continue to run the largest Otolaryngology residency program in the heartland. We are strong believers in the importance of culture and mentorship and are designing formal programs to optimize the learner environment. A sense of community has always been the backbone of the Department, as we partner with foundations to send our trainees and faculty on yearly medical mission trips abroad and participate in outreach focused on our local community. In November, we are hosting a 3-day CME event, Emerging In-Office and Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology: Application 2 Reimbursement. This novel course will explore recent developments in ENT, and how they affect our practices within changing healthcare reimbursement models.

Our research endeavors continue to grow, from investigating the role of fibroblasts in head and neck cancer to leading the world's first gene therapy trial for hearing loss. We are clinician scientists as well, running clinical trials and outcomes research in the study of sinusitis, laryngopharyngeal reflux, tinnitus, and head and neck cancer. We have a particular interest in healthcare delivery and patient education and hold a firm belief that the best of treatments fall short if we are not properly communicating and helping our patients understand that we are partners in their care.

Our desire to innovate goes beyond clinical Otolaryngology, as our faculty are active in the areas of global health, education and change management. We are actively collaborating with multiple departments at KU, including the business and engineering schools. This summer, we are celebrating the selection of our former chair and current faculty member Doug Girod, M.D., F.A.C.S to be the 18th Chancellor of the University of Kansas. That level of service and leadership permeates through our department. Our faculty hold key leadership positions in Otolaryngology national associations as well as throughout the KU School of Medicine, Health System, and Cancer Center. Our service activities demonstrate the passion and commitment we have to our organization and field.

Kansas City, with its professional sports teams, wide-ranging cultural activities, and vibrant restaurant and nightlife, is often referred to as a "hidden gem". We agree, and believe the same can be said of our Department. Thank you for connecting with us!

Alexander Chiu, M.D.
Russell E. Bridwell, M.D. Endowed Chairman and Professor
The University of Kansas School of Medicine (KUMC) Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (OTO-HNS) training program is located in Kansas City, KS. The program participates in the National Resident Matching Program (www.nrmp.org). Applicants must graduate from a LCME-accredited medical school in the United States or Canada and must be able to obtain Kansas and Missouri medical licenses. We receive over 250 applications each year and invite approximately 50 candidates to interview. The program accepts four new residents each academic year.

Under the direction of Department Chairman, Alexander Chiu, MD, and with the assistance of our Residency Program Director, Shannon Kraft, MD, and Associate Program Director, Lisa Shnayder, MD, our residents receive clinical training at five institutions around the Kansas City metro area, including the University of Kansas Hospital, Truman Medical Center (TMC), St. Luke’s Hospital (SLH), Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center (KCVA) and Children’s Mercy Hospital (CMH). Our Department’s research program is directed by the Resident Research Committee under the leadership of Kevin Sykes, PhD, MPH; Dianne Durham, PhD; and Sufi Thomas, PhD.

▶ FOR A DETAILED PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.KUENT.INFO
SUPERVISION & EVALUATION
The large faculty of full-time Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgeons are dedicated to the academic development of our residents. It is our goal to give residents a comprehensive experience in all areas of our specialty in order for them to become independent, knowledgeable clinicians and surgeons. Residents are given significant, but well-supervised, latitude in the management of both clinical and operative cases. Clinical teaching and research activities are closely monitored by OTO-HNS faculty. Residents receive formal evaluations every rotation, and semi-annual reviews with the program leadership. Residents are given increased responsibility according to their training level and demonstrated capability.

CONFERENCES & CURRICULUM
All residents (PGY-1 through PGY-5) participate in an educational program based on the American Board of Otolaryngology (ABO) Curriculum and the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Core Competency Curriculum.

At the core of our educational program are didactic conferences. On Monday evenings, all residents attend conference at KUMC. The didactic program is based on a two-year cycle, ensuring that each resident is exposed to core concepts in OTO-HNS at least twice during training. The didactic program is reviewed and updated annually to reflect the most current requirements and recommendations of the ACGME and ABO. Additionally, the OTO-HNS department sponsors a year-long Grand Rounds series on the third Monday of each month. Presenters include invited faculty from KU and other programs across the nation.

Didactics are supplemented by the annual Temporal Bone Course and Head and Neck Anatomy Lab, where residents get hands-on experience in temporal bone and head and neck dissection. Additional courses in sinus surgery and airway management are given at intervals throughout the training program.
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Dr. Larry Hoover laid the groundwork for our international outreach program when he first began taking residents to Nepal and Kyrgyzstan in the 1990’s. Since that time, the department has supported faculty and residents on medical mission trips to Mexico, the Philippines, Uganda, and Guatemala. In 2004, the department co-founded the mission to Antigua, Guatemala. This six-day annual mission involves over 70 team participants from several surgical specialties.

The Department’s goal is for all interested residents to participate in a mission trip during the latter half of their training, with the hope that they will continue to be involved in medical outreach throughout their careers.

GLOBAL OUTREACH TRACK

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the Department unveiled the Global Health/Community Outreach (GH/CO) Track, the first in a series of innovations in resident education. Eligible residents may elect to participate in the GH/CO Track during their PGY-3 – PGY-5 year. Track options include:

1. Four-Week elective rotation at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India.
2. Short-term Mission Trips with Medical Missions Foundation, World Outreach Foundation, or other entity approved by the Program Director.
3. Collaboration with local/regional organizations to look at rural or urban health for at risk populations in Kansas.

As part of the track, participants are assigned a reading and reflection curriculum facilitated by Dr. Kraft and Dr. Sykes. They are also expected to design and complete a research project in collaboration with a faculty member that evaluates health care delivery in a marginalized population. Dr. Sykes has worked in global health research for the last 10 years and maintains active connections abroad to facilitate this work for residents and faculty.
OTOLARYNGOLOGY TRAINING

PGY-1 residents spend six months on Otolaryngology-based rotations. The remaining six months of the PGY-1 year are devoted to structured education in the following clinical areas: Critical Care, Vascular Surgery, General Surgery, and Neurological Surgery.

PGY-2 through PGY-5 Otolaryngology Clinical Rotations include the following seven institutionally based rotations: KUMC Red (General, Laryngology, Rhinology, Otology, Facial Plastics, Pediatrics), KUMC Blue (Head & Neck Oncology), KUMC Purple (Outpatient Subspecialty Care), KCVA, TMC, CMH, and SLH. Clinical rotations are based on academic year and are designed to optimize each resident’s training through graduated responsibility and progressive complexity of patient care.
The Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at The University of Kansas has a robust Head & Neck Surgery Division. Residents spend approximately three months per year working with Dr. Lisa Shnayder, Dr. Kiran Kakarala and Dr. Terance Tsue, learning basic and advanced techniques in ablative and reconstructive surgery for Head & Neck cancer patients, including microvascular and robotic surgery. In 2017, Dr. Andrés Bur joined the Department after completing a H&N/microvascular fellowship at Emory University. At KUMC, the OTO-HNS department is the primary provider of thyroid and parathyroid surgery, and residents get extensive experience in Head & Neck Endocrine surgery, as well. The Head & Neck Division works closely with Dr. Sufi Thomas, and is actively involved in oncology research.

SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING
HEAD AND NECK SURGERY | SKULL BASE SURGERY
LARYNGOLOGY
Under the direction of Dr. James Garnett, the University of Kansas Voice and Swallow Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to managing a variety of voice, airway and swallow disorders. Dr. Garnett is also an adjunct professor with the University of Kansas Department of Music in the Vocal Pedagogy program. During the KU RED and KU PURPLE rotations, residents learn the fundamentals of evaluating and managing laryngeal disorders. In the PGY2 year, residents also spend dedicated time with the speech-language pathologists. Residents have the opportunity to observe and participate in a number of in-office procedures, such as stroboscopy and transnasal esophagoscopy.

OTOLOGY | NEUROTOLOGY
Clinical rotations in Otology/Neurotology are overseen by Dr. Hinrich Staecker, Dr. James Lin, and Dr. Greg Ator. Residents gain clinical and operative experience in general Otology throughout their rotations at the VA, TMC and CMH. Tympanoplasty, tympanomastoidectomy, stapedectomy, and ossicular chain reconstruction are standard procedures performed at each of these sites. While rotating on the KU RED service, residents get exposure to more complex Neurotology procedures such as endolymphatic sac decompressions, labyrinthectomies, vestibular nerve section, superior canal dehiscence repair or plugging, and occasional perilymphatic fistula repair. Our cochlear implant program performs 40-50 adult and pediatric cochlear implants per year on the main KU campus in addition to implants also being performed at the VA and CMH. There is an active Skull Base Program at KUMC, and our team regularly works with the Department of Neurosurgery for lateral skull base procedures and cerebellopontine angle (CPA) surgery.
**PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

Dr. Dan Bruegger and Dr. Carrie Francis lead the Pediatric Division at KUMC. Both surgeons also hold appointments at Children’s Mercy Hospital, where residents work with the KUMC and CMH staff to get intensive exposure to both primary and tertiary care of the Pediatric Otolaryngology patient. Residents rotate at CMH during their PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-3 and PGY-5 year. Residents are involved in the evaluation and treatment of basic and complex pediatric airway problems, including sleep-disordered breathing, congenital and subglottic stenosis, laryngomalacia and tracheomalacia, and recurrent respiratory papillomatosis. Our affiliates at CMH continue to expand the academic and research opportunities for the Division. Dr. Laura Neff recently hosted the first Midwest Pediatric Otolaryngology Consortium. Next year, Dr. Arganbright will host a new multidisciplinary conference on 22q Deletion Syndrome.

**GENERAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

The General Otolaryngology Division consists of Dr. Christopher Larsen, Dr. Keith Sale, Dr. Lynn Roh and Dr. Ann Robinson. As a part of his practice, Dr. Larsen performs sleep surgery and hypoglossal nerve stimulation surgery for patients with CPAP-recalcitrant Obstructive Sleep Apnea. He is a regional pioneer in this surgery and has second highest clinical volume in the country for 2017. Dr. Larsen also performs sialendoscopy as part of his academic generalist practice. Dr. Robinson and Dr. Roh also operate at the Indian Creek Campus.
Residents are exposed to common allergy and sinus pathology during rotations at TMC, KCVA and SLH. Each year, residents rotate on the KUMC RED Service, where they will work in concert with our Chairman, Dr. Alexander Chiu, Dr. David Beahm and Dr. Larry Hoover. State-of-the-art endoscopic powered instrumentation and stereotactic surgical guidance systems provide enhanced training in the most advanced endoscopic techniques. Dr. Jennifer Villwock joined the Rhinology team in 2017 after completing her fellowship at KU. Our Rhinology team works closely with the Department of Neurosurgery to perform anterior skull base procedures. While on the KUMC PURPLE Service (PGY-2 and PGY-5), residents also get exposure to a clinical allergy practice, including education in immunotherapy.

**FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

Residents work closely with Dr. David Kriet and Dr. Clint Humphrey throughout their training to receive a comprehensive education in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Residents are exposed to a broad-based practice that includes Mohs reconstruction, facial paralysis rehabilitation, facial trauma repair, facial rejuvenation, office-based procedures, and both primary and revision rhinoplasty. Drs. Humphrey and Kriet lead numerous didactic activities including an annual fresh cadaver dissection, a hands-on injectable training course, and a monthly facial plastic surgery case conference.
AY 2016-2017 RESIDENT SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

RESIDENT PRESENTATIONS

AHNS - San Diego, CA, July 2016
• Alvi S, Risk Outcomes Following Free Tissue Transfer for Composite Oral Cavity Resections Involving Skin
• Ho TT, Assessment of Patient Education and Satisfaction in Relation to Free Flap Surgery
• Jones J, Recurrence of Head & Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Patients with Radiation Induced Fibrosis
• Lu GN, Evolution in the Reconstruction of Lateral Skull Base Defects: The University of Kansas Experience

AAO-HNS - San Diego, CA, September 2016
• Wichova H, Sphenoid Sinus Meningoencephaloceles: Diagnosis & Management with Long Term Follow-Up

SENTAC - Orlando, FL, December 2016
• Jones J, Lu GN, Mycobacterium Avium infection Presenting as Endobronchial Lesion in Healthy Child
• Lu GN, Bilateral Submandibular Gland Agenesis: A Case Report and Review of the Literature

Triologic Society Combined Sections Meeting - New Orleans, LA, January 2017
• Yalamanchali S, Is HPV a Factor in Outcomes of Aggressive Open/Endoscopic Resection of SNUC

North American Skull Base Society Meeting - New Orleans, NA, March 2017
• Shew M, MRI Imaging in an NF2 Patient with a Novel MRI Compatible Auditory Brain Stem Implant
• Muelleman T, Endoscopy-Assisted Drilling & Exposure of the Entire Length of the Internal Auditory Canal Through a Presigmoid Retrolabyrinthine Approach - A Cadaveric Feasibility Study
• Le T, Hypoplasia of Bilateral Sphenoid Sinuses: Implications in Transphenoidal Adenohypophysectomy

Combined Otolaryngology Sections Meeting - San Diego, CA, April 2017
• Bhalla V, Effects of an Exercise Program on Olfaction in Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease. ARS
• Holcomb A, Evaluating the Effect of Rendering a Diagnosis for Dysphonia on QOL as Measured by the VHI. ALA
• Ho TT, Work-Related Musculoskeletal Symptoms Among Otolaryngologists by Subspecialty: A National Survey. TRIO
• Holcomb A, Single Institution Outcomes Following Resection of Skull Base Esthesioneuroblastomas with Extended Follow-Up. ARS
• Le T, Inhibition of Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor with Azd-4547 Mitigates Juvenile Nasopharyngeal Angiofibroma. ARS
• Le T, Molecular Targeted Therapy of Juvenile Nasopharyngeal Angiobifroma: Inhibition of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Using Semaxanib. ARS
• Lu GN, Case Report: Inferior Meatus Fungal Ball. ARS
• Lu GN, Composite Grafting and Cartilaginous to Cutaneous Ratio in Rabbit Model. FPS
• Muelleman T, Audiologic Findings in Patients with CT Evidence of Cavitary Cochlear Otosclerosis. AOS
• Muelleman T, Epidemiology of Dizzy Patient Population in a Neurotology Clinic and Predictors of Peripheral Etiology. ANS
• Shew M, Impact of Perineural Invasion in Early Stage Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma. AHNS
• Shew M, Delayed Multifocal Tracheal Injury Following Thyroidectomy: Case Report & Literature Review. ABEA
• Subbarayan R, Proliferation and Contributions of National Database Studies. TRIO
• Yalamanchali S, Development and Characterization of an in vitro Model for Radiation Induced Fibrosis. AHNS

ASPO - San Antonio, TX, May 2017
• Jones J, Laryngotraheal Abnormalities in Patients with 22Q11.2 Delition Syndrome: A Retrospective Review of 30 Patients
• Porter P, Myringotomy Tube Obstruction in the Immediate Post-Operative Period
RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS

At KUMC, three months during PGY-3 and PGY-4 years are dedicated to research. Weekly research meetings with research and clinical faculty facilitate the development of new projects and review the progress of ongoing work.

The Auditory and Vestibular Neuroscience Laboratory was established by Dianne Durham, PhD, to investigate biochemical and anatomical changes in central auditory neurons following manipulation of peripheral auditory input, central mechanisms of tinnitus, and avian and mammalian hair cell regeneration. Hinrich Staecker, MD, PhD, continues to build on a career working with viral vectors to restore hair cells in the vestibular and auditory system and developing diagnostic biomarkers for diseases of the ear. He is also the Principal Investigator in the first human hair cell regeneration gene therapy clinical trial and other clinical trials focusing on inner ear drug delivery.

Sufi Thomas, PhD, leads the Head and Neck Oncology Laboratory. Dr. Thomas specializes in head and neck cancer translational research. She has developed several therapeutic approaches that have been tested in clinical trials. She is currently delineating the mechanism in which cells in the tumor microenvironment facilitate head and neck cancer progression and response to therapy. Several types of normal cells surround the cancer, including blood vessels, immune cells and fibroblasts. Dr. Thomas demonstrated that normal fibroblasts in contact with the tumor facilitate tumor growth and metastasis. Her laboratory is currently identifying the factors secreted by the fibroblasts involved in tumor progression.

Kevin Sykes, PhD, MPH, is a social scientist focused on health care delivery research and serves as our Director of Clinical Research. He leads the development and execution of clinical research projects. Dr. Sykes, with the assistance of the clinical research team, aids residents with coordinating study visits, subject recruitment and retention, database design, data analysis, presentation, and publication of research.

The successes of resident and faculty research, in both clinical and basic science, are showcased at the department’s annual Graduation Research Symposium held every June. The Department encourages and supports resident presentations at regional and national meetings. Small grants are available for approved pilot studies and support is provided for external grant applications.
Residents at the University of Kansas receive a competitive stipend, including annual raises and cost of living increases.

Kansas City offers a relatively low cost of living. A majority of our current residents have been able to purchase their own homes. Public schools in Johnson County consistently rank among the best in the nation.

The department provides each new resident the Cumming’s Textbook of Otolaryngology and a subscription to Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. White coats and otoscopes are provided to each resident. The cost of parking at KUMC, medical licenses and gym membership is covered by KU Graduate Medical Education. Residents are also provided funds during their PGY-2 year to purchase surgical loupes.

Residents are provided a work station at KUMC in one of the two resident work rooms with access to computer facilities for word processing, spreadsheets, statistical analysis, and reference retrieval. Image analysis and graphics services are supplemented by extensive multimedia facilities, including a large format poster printer.

For more information on resident benefits, please visit the KUMC Graduate Medical Education website: https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/gme.html.
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ABOUT KANSAS CITY

A metropolitan area of 2.3 million people, Kansas City offers the diversity and excitement of a large city with the charm and convenience of Midwest living.

Kansas City has a long tradition of supporting the arts. The Nelson-Atkins Museum is an architectural marvel which houses works by Caravaggio, Monet, Gaugin and Van Gogh. The museum is widely celebrated for its extensive collection of Asian art. The Kauffman Center is Kansas City’s premiere venue for the performing arts, and is home to the Kansas City Symphony, the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and the Kansas City Ballet. The Sprint Center is a large indoor arena in the heart of downtown KC that hosts a number of sporting events and concerts. When it comes to music, however, Kansas City is best known for its unique jazz tradition. The American Jazz Museum is located at 18th and Vine, where Kansas City native Charlie Parker first rose to fame.

For sports fans, there is no shortage of excitement in Kansas City. We are home to the Chiefs, the 2015 World Champion Royals and Sporting KC. Kansas Citians are avid supporters of college athletics. The Big 12 Basketball Championship will be hosted at the Sprint Center through 2020.

Kansas City is home to over 100 different barbeque restaurants. Each year, the World Series of Barbeque is hosted at the American Royal Livestock, Horse and Rodeo Show. There is more to the Kansas City food scene than barbeque, however, with a number of excellent restaurants Downtown and on the Plaza. The City Market has been home to one of the Midwest’s most enduring farmer’s markets since 1857. It is open year round on Saturdays and Sundays.
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