



Allergy • Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery • Head & Neck Surgery
Laryngology • Neurotology • Otolaryngology • Pediatric Otolaryngology
Rhinology • Sleep Medicine

ALLERGY PRACTICE WITHIN OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

As a medical and surgical specialty, allergy diagnosis and management is well within the scope of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.

- The ACGME otolaryngology-head and neck surgery training requirements clearly include allergy as part of the definition and scope of otolaryngology and state allergy is a required part of the training. <https://www.acgme.org/specialties/otolaryngology---head-and-neck-surgery/program-requirements-and-faqs-and-applications/>
- The American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS) Booklet of information, which is the document for otolaryngologists seeking, obtaining, and maintaining board certification, includes allergy in the definition and scope of knowledge of the specialty. This definition is additionally included in the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) publication "ABMS Guide to Medical Specialties."
- The ABOHNS validated scope of knowledge includes allergy as a component of otolaryngology practice. As such, allergy questions are included in the Resident In-training Exams, Written Qualifying Exams, and Oral Certifying Exams. One of the practice focus areas available in the ABOHNS Continuing Certification (CC) assessment modules is dedicated to Allergy/Rhinology. The significance of this module is that the ABOHNS creates modules for identified areas of practice focus areas within otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, and allergy/rhinology is one of these practice focus areas. The General Otolaryngology CC module also contains items pertaining to Allergy/Rhinology. The ABOHNS CC program has been vetted and approved by the ABMS and its Member Boards.

Evaluation and management of allergic disorders is clearly part of the required training and examination content required for ABOHNS Board certification in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. Board certified otolaryngologists-head and neck surgeons are qualified to care for patients with allergic disorders.