

Orientation to Clerkship

Otolaryngology (ENT)

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Description

- One week rotation in Medicine Block
- Some formal teaching
- Mainly clinical teaching (OR+Clinic)

Reality check

- *I remember the reality of medical school*
 - *Must pass exams*
 - *Must get good grades*
 - *Must get excellent reference letters*
 - *Must optimize CV*
 - *Must not get a letter on CaRMS un-match day*
- Everyone will pass if:
 - show up
 - participate
 - do the web-based learning modules
- Think of the week as an enrichment experience

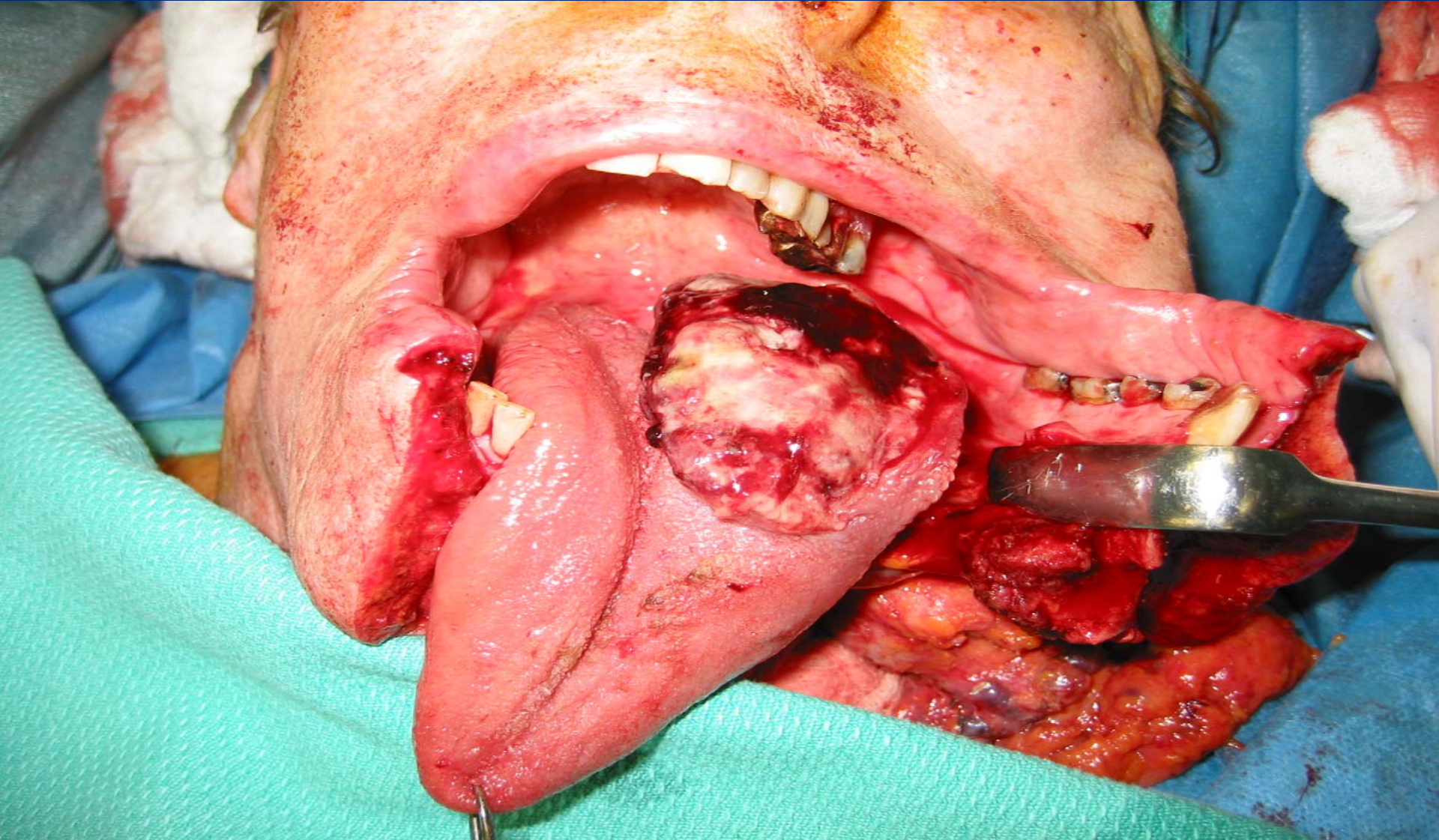
Reality check

- Over half of all problems seen in family medicine, emergency medicine are ENT-related
 - ENT comprises only 5 days of clerkship!

Reality check

- To optimize the 5 day experience, the rotation is meant to focus on:
 - **Clinical skills (ENT physical exam)**
 - **Approach to common problems**
- This is why there is intentionally *little to no formal didactic teaching*

**This problem will not go away with
antibiotics...**



Objectives of the ENT rotation

- Clinical skills
 - **Basic** ENT History and physical examination
 - Pneumatic otoscopy
 - Tuning fork testing
 - Laryngoscopy
 - Oral cavity/oropharynx/neck
 - Dizzy patient
 - Understanding of assessment/management of **common** ENT problems
- Knowledge
 - Introductory lecture
 - Textbook (we will lend you one for the week)
 - Web-based learning modules

Organization of the Block

-Formal teaching-

- Introductory lecture
 - Beginning of each Medicine Block (q 3 months)
 - Monday 7-8am
 - Thompson Amphitheatre, Victoria Hospital
 - Attendance is mandatory
 - Coffee is provided
- ENT physical examination
 - Beginning of the one-week rotation
 - Monday 8-8:30am
 - Rm C3-100, Victoria Hospital
 - One-on-one teaching with resident
- Grand Rounds
 - Wednesday 7-8am
- ENT resident lecture (optional)
 - Friday 1:30-4pm
- Web-based learning modules



Organization of block -Clinical teaching-

- OR
 - Observation
 - Surgical assistance
- Clinic
 - Observation
 - Assessment of new patients
 - Assist in minor procedures

Sites

- South end
 - Victoria Hospital
- North end
 - University Hospital
 - St. Joseph's Health Care

Logistics

- You will receive an e-mail the week prior to your rotation from **Ms. Angelika Edwards** indicating your specific schedule.
- In general,
 - Expect to rotate between the North & South ends (but not on the same day)
 - Expect to spend time with a number of different consultants in different subspecialties (to optimize the breadth of your experience)

Evaluation on the Block

- “Pass-Fail”
- Requirements to pass
 - Show up (# of days absent are documented)
 - Complete the web-based learning modules

Special Aspects of the Block

- We will tailor our teaching to your interests
- Otolaryngology is an important topic in primary care and has very exciting tertiary care subspecialties
 - *Head and neck oncology/ Reconstructive surgery*
 - *Facial plastic surgery*
 - *Laryngology, Professional voice*
 - *Otology/Neuro-otology/Skull base surgery*
 - *Rhin sinusology/Endoscopic surgery*
 - *Pediatric otolaryngology*
- If any of this piques your interest, doing an elective rotation is highly encouraged!

Helpful Hints

- Be proactive
- Ask questions
- Tell us what you are interested in and what you want to learn

References Sources

- UWO ENT website
 - <http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/ent/>
 - Undergraduate link
 - Introductory lecture is downloadable
 - Learning modules are here
- Textbook
 - Ear, Nose and Throat, and Head and Neck Surgery, 2nd edition - An Illustrated Colour Text
 - <http://www.intl.elsevierhealth.com/catalogue/title.cfm?ISBN=0443059551>
- Useful sites
 - <http://www.bcm.edu/oto/othersg.html>
 - <http://www.bcm.edu/oto/grand/grand.html>

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