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Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose and throat surgery, ENT) ^[1]

Otorhinolaryngologists (also known as otolaryngologists or ear, nose and throat or ENT Surgeons) are surgical specialists who diagnose, evaluate and manage a wide range of diseases of the head and neck, including the ear, nose and throat regions.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine and two years of foundation training. You'll then do two years of core training (CT1–2), followed by four years of specialist training (ST3-6). This period of training will include completing your royal college exams. Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

Expected working hours and salary range

Working hours should not exceed 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day to include early mornings, evenings and weekends. On call possible. Pay scales (2017): Consultants earn between £76,761 and £103,490.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need good listening skills and the ability to work effectively with people who have communication difficulties. Good hand-eye co-ordination, manual dexterity, vision and visuo-spatial awareness are also important. You'll also need the ability to work under pressure and adapt with changing circumstances in a demanding role. Good organisational, communication and team-working skills are important. The ability to lead and manage others effectively is also needed.

Prospects

There are 664 consultants in otorhinolaryngology in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for

research and teaching.

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