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Welcome

Dear applicant,

We are excited that you have applied to our fellowship program. Children’s Hospital Colorado (CHCO) is home to one of the most sought-after, comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology fellowships in the nation and we have been training ACGME-accredited fellows for over a decade. The clinically focused program is one-year in length and we train 2 fellows per year. The experience is rich, covering all areas of our subspecialty, from cleft lip and palate to cochlear implantation, and the program offers numerous research opportunities, as well as overseas mission experiences.

Children’s Hospital Colorado serves the Denver-metro area and the entire Rocky Mountain West region, and consistently enjoys ranking among the nation’s top 10 pediatric hospitals. Our patient population offers an unparalleled breadth of clinical experiences.

We look forward to meeting and sharing our program with you.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Yoon, MD
Program Director

Melissa Scholes, MD
Associate Program Director

Kenny Chan, MD
Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology
Faculty

Kenny Chan, MD
Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology
Professor
Joined CHCO: 1993
Medical School: Loma Linda University
Residency: Loma Linda University
Fellowship: Pittsburgh Children’s
Other Positions: President, ASPO, 2015; American Board of Otolaryngology, Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology Sub-certification Committee
Clinical Interests: Chronic ear disease, anterior skull base, rhinosinusitis
Research Interests: Rhinosinusitis, otitis media
Grants/Awards: Pneumococcal Vaccine Impact on Cognitive Development (co-investigator), Gates Foundation, 5280 Top Docs in Denver, 5280 Magazine, Alumni of the Year Award, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Patricia Yoon, MD
Program Director
Associate Professor
Joined CHCO: 2003
Medical School: Northwestern University
Residency: Stanford University
Fellowship: Seattle Children’s
Other Positions: Chair, ASPO Fellowship Committee, 2015-17; Associate Medical Director, The Bill Daniels Center for Children’s Hearing
Clinical Interests: Cochlear implantation, hearing loss, pediatric otology
Research Interests: Cochlear implantation, hearing loss, auditory neuropathy, otologic management of children with Down syndrome

Melissa Scholes, MD
Associate Program Director
Associate Professor
Joined CHCO: 2012
Medical School: University of Mississippi
Residency: University of Colorado
Fellowship: Nationwide Children’s
Other positions: ASPO Membership Committee
Clinical interests: Cleft lip and palate, pediatric vertigo, sleep surgery
Research interests: Cleft lip and palate outcomes, pediatric vertigo treatment
Current grants/awards: Ponzio Research Accelerator Grant for treatment of pediatric vertigo
Gregory Allen, MD  
**Associate Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 1997*  
**Medical School:** University of Arkansas  
**Residency:** West Virginia University  
**Fellowship:** Pittsburgh Children’s  
**Other positions:** Medical Director, CHCO Cleft Lip and Palate Program; Program Committee 2017, Family Resources Committee, American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association  
**Clinical interests:** Cleft and craniofacial anomalies, international missions  
**Research interests:** Cleft and craniofacial anomalies  
**Current grants/awards:** A comparative effectiveness study of speech and surgical treatments using a Cleft Palate Registry/Research Outcomes Network (CORNET), local role: Principle Investigator, overall study role: Investigator, Funding: NIH, NIDCR Grant Number: R01DE027493, 5 years

Owen Darr, MD  
**Assistant Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 2019*  
**Medical School:** University of Michigan  
**Residency:** University of Michigan  
**Fellowship:** Children’s Hospital Colorado  
**Clinical interests:** Otology, endoscopic ear surgery, head & neck tumors, point of care ultrasound, anterior skull base disease  
**Research interests:** Environmental health in otolaryngology, clinical outcomes, quality and process improvement

Allison Dobbie, MD  
**Assistant Professor, Colorado Springs Campus**  
*Joined CHCO: 2013*  
**Medical School:** Wayne State School of Medicine  
**Residency:** University of California – Davis Medical Center  
**Fellowship:** Medical University of South Carolina  
**Other positions:** ASPO Young Members Committee, American Cleft Palate Association 2020 Annual Meeting Program Task Force  
**Clinical interests:** Cleft lip/palate, VPI, middle ear disease, airway reconstruction  
**Research interests:** Outcomes in cleft care, testing for congenital CMV related hearing loss

Christian Francom, MD  
**Assistant Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 2019*  
**Medical School:** University of Virginia  
**Residency:** Ohio State University  
**Fellowship:** Children’s Hospital Colorado  
**Clinical interests:** Cleft lip/palate, VPI, 22q11, vascular anomalies, head and neck malignancies, thyroid disease  
**Research interests:** cleft lip/palate outcomes, mandibular distraction osteogenesis, pediatric thyroid disease, pediatric head and neck malignancies
Norman Friedman, MD
Professor
Joined CHCO: 2000
Medical School: University of Texas-Southwestern
Residency: University of Texas-Southwestern
Fellowship: Great Ormond Street, London
Other positions: Diplomate, American Board certified in Sleep Medicine; ASPO Summer Program Chair, 2020; ASPO Program Committee, 2020; Director CHCO Sleep Lab; ABIM Test Writing Committee
Clinical interests: Sleep medicine, obstructive sleep apnea, DISE, persistent sleep apnea
Research interests: Tonsillectomy outcome studies

Sarah Gitomer, MD
Assistant Professor
Joined CHCO: 2019
Medical School: University of Colorado
Residency: Baylor University
Fellowship: Texas Children’s
Other positions: AAO Infectious Diseases Committee
Clinical interests: Sinusitis, microtia
Research interests: Cystic fibrosis associated sinusitis, airway mycosis
Current grants/awards: 2020 Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Co-Pilot Award: Co Investigator/Primary Mentor Early identification and mitigation of hearing loss associated with bacterial meningitis in children

Steven Hamilton, MD
Assistant Professor, Colorado Springs Campus
Joined CHCO: 2015
Medical School: Mayo Clinic
Residency: University of Cincinnati
Fellowship: Boston Children’s
Other positions: AAO-HNS Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee
Clinical interests: Aerodigestive, cochlear implantation, head & neck
Research interests: Aerodigestive, cochlear implantation, head & neck, medical education

Brian Herrmann, MD
Associate Professor
Joined CHCO: 2018
Medical School: University of Iowa
Residency: St. Louis University
Fellowship: Washington University in St. Louis
Other positions: ASPO ad hoc Summer Meeting Planning Committee; Course Director, Western Section of Pediatric Otolaryngology 2020 Meeting
Clinical interests: Otology, hearing loss, cholesteatoma, clinical efficiency
Research interests: Pediatric head and neck genetics and heritable cancer disorders, pediatric tympanoplasty outcomes, pediatric meningitis and hearing loss, bioengineering applications in otolaryngology
Current grants/awards: 2019 Center for Children’s Surgery Ponzio award: Principle Investigator, Middle ear microbiome profiles of children with Down syndrome and otitis media; 2020 Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Co-Pilot Award: Co Investigator/Primary Mentor Early identification and mitigation of hearing loss associated with bacterial meningitis in children
Peggy Kelley, MD  
**Associate Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 1998*  
**Medical School:** University of Pittsburgh  
**Residency:** University of Rochester  
**Fellowship:** Cincinnati Children’s  
**Other:** Fellowship in Clinical Surgical Ethics, University of Chicago, 2016-17  
**Other positions:** President-Elect, Interamerican Association of Pediatric Otolaryngology; Chair, ASPO Program Committee, 2018  
**Clinical interests:** Voice, airway, microtia, vascular anomalies, 22q11, medical ethics  
**Research interests:** Ethics of tracheostomy, frenulectomy, supraglottoplasty

Steven Leoniak, MD  
**Assistant Professor, Colorado Springs Campus**  
*Joined CHCO: 2017*  
**Medical School:** New York Medical College  
**Residency:** Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Fellowship:** University of Texas-Southwestern Children’s  
**Clinical interests:** OSA, sinus disease, head & neck tumors  
**Research interests:** OSA

Stephen Newton, MD  
**Associate Professor, Colorado Springs Campus**  
*Joined CHCO: 2013*  
**Medical School:** Howard University  
**Residency:** University of Iowa  
**Fellowship:** Boston Children’s  
**Other:** T32 Research Fellowship  
**Other positions:** ASPO Finance Committee; Clinical Medical Director, Briargate Outpatient Specialty Clinics  
**Clinical interests:** Hearing loss, sinus disease, sleep  
**Research interests:** Hearing loss, clinical outcomes

Jeremy Prager, MD  
**Associate Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 2010*  
**Medical School:** Washington University in St. Louis  
**Residency:** Washington University in St. Louis  
**Fellowship:** Cincinnati Children’s  
**Other:** MBA, University of Colorado  
**Other positions:** President, Aerodigestive Society  
**Clinical interests:** Airway and thyroid  
**Research interests:** Quality and safety
Tammy Wang, MD  
**Assistant Professor, CHCO / Denver Health**  
*Joined CHCO: 2019  
*Medical School: Case Western Reserve University  
*Residency: Case Western Reserve University  
*Fellowship: University of California, San Francisco  
*Clinical interests: Head & neck  
*Research interests: Medical education*

Todd Wine, MD  
**Associate Professor**  
*Joined CHCO: 2013  
*Medical School: Vanderbilt University  
*Residency: University of Cincinnati  
*Fellowship: Pittsburgh Children’s  
*Other positions: AAO-HNS Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee; Director, CHCO Aerodigestive Program  
*Clinical interests: Aerodigestive disorders, head and neck tumors  
*Research interests: Pyriform aperture stenosis, embryology, tracheostomy management, simulation*
Current Fellows & Alumni

**Saied Ghadersohi, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2019 - 2020  
**Residency:** Northwestern  
**Placement:** Northwestern Lurie Children’s

**Owen Darr, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2018 - 2019  
**Residency:** Michigan  
**Placement:** Children’s Hospital CO

**Aditi Bhuskute, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2017 - 2018  
**Residency:** UC Davis  
**Placement:** Phoenix Children’s / Mayo

**Amy Dimachkieh, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2016 - 2017  
**Residency:** Baylor  
**Placement:** Texas Children’s

**Jordan Virbalas, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2015 - 2016  
**Residency:** Albert Einstein  
**Placement:** UCSF Benioff Children’s

**Jonathan Skirko, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2014 - 2015  
**Residency:** Washington  
**Placement:** Utah Primary Children’s

**Brianne Roby, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2013 - 2014  
**Residency:** Minnesota  
**Placement:** Children’s Hosp. of Minnesota

**Tendy Chiang, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2012 - 2013  
**Residency:** Ohio State  
**Placement:** Nationwide Children’s / OSU

**Katherine Hamming, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2010 - 2011  
**Residency:** Univ. of Minnesota  
**Placement:** Rush University, Chicago

**Ryota Kashiwazaki, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2019 - 2020  
**Residency:** Pittsburgh  
**Placement:** Seattle Children’s

**Christian Francom, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2018 - 2019  
**Residency:** Ohio State  
**Placement:** Children’s Hospital CO

**Jay Bhatt, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2017 - 2018  
**Residency:** UC Irvine  
**Placement:** Children’s Hosp of Orange County

**Jonathan Young, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2016 - 2017  
**Residency:** VCU  
**Placement:** University of Arizona - Tuscon

**Winslo Idicula, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2015 - 2016  
**Residency:** Ohio State  
**Placement:** Texas Tech University

**Jonathan Kopelovich, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2014 - 2015  
**Residency:** Iowa  
**Placement:** Bellevue ENT, Seattle

**Jill Arganbright, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2013 - 2014  
**Residency:** Kansas  
**Placement:** Univ of Kansas / Children’s Mercy

**Valérie Côté, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2011 - 2012  
**Residency:** McGill University  
**Placement:** Connecticut Children’s Hosp

**Shelby C. Leuin, MD**  
**Fellow:** 2009 - 2010  
**Residency:** Harvard  
**Placement:** UC San Diego / Rady Children’s
Selected 2019-20 Publications & Presentations


Francom C, Ruiz AG, Meier MR, Mitchell RB, Friedman, NR. Post-Operative Polysomnogram Practice Patterns Following Adenotonsillectomy in High Risk Children. Presented at American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology Spring Meeting, Austin, TX, 2019.


Fellowship Program Overview

Mission

The goal of our fellowship program is to train an independently-practicing pediatric otolaryngologist who is knowledgeable, capable, competent, self-critical, inquisitive, ethical, and compassionate. This one-year postgraduate education program provides an in-depth survey of the subspecialty based on clinical, didactic, and research exposure. The program will allow the trainee to expertly diagnose, treat, and manage patients with pediatric otolaryngology disorders, ranging from routine to complex, and provide opportunities for increased decision making, clinical duties, and autonomy as the academic year progresses.

Description

The pediatric otolaryngology fellowship program is an ACGME-accredited program that trains two fellows per year. The fellow is trained for all 12 months at CHCO and is officially a PGY-6 resident in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. The vast majority of training is at the Main Campus of Children’s Hospital, but fellows receive some clinic and surgery experiences at the satellite campuses.

The fellows participate in clinical care, didactics, and research. Each week, the fellows spend 1-2 half days in the outpatient clinics and much of the remaining time in the operating room. The clinical experience includes an abundance of complex surgical cases, inpatient consultations, general pediatric otolaryngology and subspecialty clinics. Our multidisciplinary/subspecialty clinics include the following:

- Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic
- Complex Craniofacial Clinic
- Vascular Anomalies Clinic
- AERO Clinic
- Hearing Clinic
- Cochlear Implant Clinic
- VPI Clinic
- Balance Clinic
- Microtia Clinic
- Voice Clinic
- Sinus Clinic
- FEES Clinic
- 22q11 Clinic
- Prader Willi Clinic
- Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic
- Turner Syndrome Clinic
- Maternal Fetal Medicine Program
- Sleep Clinic and Downs Syndrome Sleep Clinic
- HHT Clinic
The fellows round with the residents in the mornings and participate in attending teaching rounds in the afternoons. It is expected that the fellows will be team players, but that they also will take on a teaching and supervisory role with the otolaryngology residents (intern, PGY-2, PGY-3, and PGY-4).

There is a rigorous and structured didactic program for fellow education. The fellows have one half-day per week of protected time for research. Scholarly activity is expected. The fellow is to choose a project of personal interest, which may be an ongoing or de novo project, and also is required to complete a quality improvement (QI) project during the year. In addition to faculty mentorship, the fellow is enrolled in a research methodology and biostatistics course, and the department has professional research assistants who support these endeavors.

Each fellow takes an average of 1 weeknight call every other week and one weekend call per month (call is from home). The fellow acts as the interface between the otolaryngology resident and faculty member on call.

The progression of the fellows’ responsibilities comes about through accumulated experience and trust built with the faculty. As fellows gain experience and expertise in the field of pediatric otolaryngology, increasing autonomy is allowed. It comes in the form of increasing reliance on the fellows’ clinical assessment of patients in inpatient and outpatient settings, an increased decision-making role, and increased participation in more technically challenging surgeries where the fellow acts as primary surgeon.

**Pediatric Otolaryngology at CHCO**

Pediatric Otolaryngology is the highest volume service at CHCO. In 2019, our department completed 28,865 outpatient visits. Approximately 20,000 visits were at the Main, North, and South campuses, and approximately 8,000 visits in Colorado Springs. We completed over 8,000 patient surgeries (>15,000 procedures) in 2019, with over 6,000 of these at the Main, North, South campuses.
The Hospital

Founded in 1908, Children’s Hospital Colorado (CHCO) is a private, not-for-profit pediatric healthcare network. With more than 3,000 pediatric specialists and more than 5,000 full time employees, it serves the Denver-metro area and the entire Rocky Mountain region of the Western U.S. CHCO is home to a number of nationally and internationally recognized medical programs and consistently is ranked among the top 10 pediatric hospitals in the nation.

CHCO actually began as a summer “tent” hospital in 1897. It was felt that high altitude, sunshine, and fresh air would cure many illnesses! The first actual building was completed in 1909 and our current facility opened in 2007. CHCO has been undergoing continuous expansion. 2013 brought the East Tower addition that houses the Colorado Institute for Maternal and Fetal Health, the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, the Heart Institute, and the simulation lab. The current campus is just under two million square feet and houses 410 licensed beds, including 130 critical care beds. There are three additional campuses: South Campus in Highlands Ranch, since 2013, and the North Campus in Broomfield, which is opening March 2020. Children’s Hospital has also been established in Colorado Springs since 2013 and a new hospital opened there in 2019.
Sample Pediatric Otolaryngology Curriculum Calendar

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Sample Case Log

Sample Case Log of 1 Fellow

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