Neurotology Fellowship Program Information

**Program name:** Mayo Clinic Neurotology Fellowship Program, Rochester, MN

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**Application Deadline:** June 1 of the year preceding the program start date

**Number of fellows per year:** One fellow every other year

**University Affiliation:** Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

**Hospital affiliation:** Saint Marys Hospital, Rochester, MN; Methodist Hospital, Rochester, MN

**Accreditation:** ACGME accredited 2-year program

**Faculty:** Matthew L. Carlson, MD, Colin L.W. Driscoll, MD, Michael J. Link, MD, Brian A. Neff, MD, Jamie J. Van Gompel, MD

**Licensing requirement:** Minnesota Medical License

**Operative experience (text for fellowship to enter):** Fellowship training takes place in a high-volume quaternary health care facility. Collectively, we evaluate approximately 200 new patients with vestibular schwannoma each year, perform 200 cochlear implant surgeries, and have a busy chronic ear practice. In addition to these principal cases, the expansive medical practice at Mayo Clinic results in frequent surgical management of many rare systemic conditions that may affect the temporal bone and lateral skull base. While complex lateral skull base training is the focus of the fellowship program, fellows also regularly participate in otologic surgeries including stapes surgery, chronic ear surgery, and cochlear implantation. We believe this is important because middle ear and mastoid surgery comprise a substantial volume of a neurotologist’s practice and many of the skills acquired during middle ear surgery transfer to skull base microsurgery.

**Call requirements:** The fellow does not take call

**Research:** Fellows have one protected day of research each week to support ongoing research endeavors. The institution and department collectively offer robust infrastructure to support research within the otolaryngology and neurotology fields. For example, statistical support is readily available through the Division of Biomedical Statistics and Informatics, illustration support is freely available through the Division of Biomedical and Scientific Visualization, and professional videography is available through media services. Support for anatomical studies is available through the Mayo Clinic Anatomy Laboratory and the Skull Base Dissection Laboratory.

Support for national and international conference attendance is provided per institutional policy. We encourage fellows to initiate and complete one primary research project, but we anticipate participation in several larger ongoing projects throughout the two-year fellowship.

Number of Neurotology faculty? 4 fellowship-trained Neurootologists; 2 fellowship trained skull base neurosurgeons

Additional Information: Fellowship applications are processed through San Francisco Match