



PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY - HEAD AND NECK SURGERY CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

BC Children's Hospital
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

FELLOWSHIP OPENINGS

Next Available Positions:

- July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028
- January 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028

Two fellows are typically appointed concurrently, overlapping by approximately six months.

Program Director: Dr. Neil K. Chadha

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Pediatric Otolaryngology Clinical Fellowship at the University of British Columbia (UBC) provides advanced training in the comprehensive medical and surgical care of children with disorders of the head and neck. Based at BC Children's Hospital, the only dedicated pediatric hospital in British Columbia, the program emphasizes minimally invasive and endoscopic-assisted techniques, multidisciplinary collaboration, and academic development through research, teaching, and leadership.

Fellows gain experience across the full spectrum of pediatric otolaryngology within a high-volume tertiary referral center serving British Columbia, Yukon, and beyond. The Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery assesses approximately 6,000 - 8,000 children annually and performs over 2,500 surgical procedures each year.

KEY PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Application Deadline:** February 28, 2026
- **Interview Period:** March or early April 2026 (via web videoconference)
- **Starting Dates:** July 1, 2027, or January 1, 2028
- **Duration of Fellowship:** 1 year
- **Number of Fellows per Year:** 1 - 2 (overlapping by 6 months)
- **University Affiliation:** University of British Columbia
- **Hospital Affiliation:** BC Children's Hospital
- **Licensing Requirement:** Postgraduate educational license for British Columbia
- **Appointment Level:** Clinical Fellow

ELIGIBILITY

The fellowship is open to both Canadian-trained and internationally trained otolaryngologists who meet the following criteria:

- Completion of residency training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
- Successful completion of licensing examinations in country of origin prior to commencing the fellowship
- Demonstrated proficiency in clinical knowledge and technical skills to manage pediatric patients with appropriate supervision
- Ability to obtain an appropriate work permit and visa for Canada, and a postgraduate educational license for British Columbia

English Language Proficiency

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) requires evidence of English language proficiency for licensure. Applicants whose primary language of medical education or clinical practice was not English must complete one of the following examinations, achieving the CPSBC minimum passing standards:

- **IELTS Academic:** Overall 7.0 with \geq 7.0 in each component
- **OET Medicine:** Minimum grade B in each component
- **CELPPIP General:** Minimum score 9 in each component

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete and pass one of these examinations before submitting their application, and to include test results with their application package if available.

Full details are available on the CPSBC website:

<https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/RP-English-Language-Proficiency-Requirements.pdf>

BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BC Children's Hospital is a purpose-built, standalone children's hospital and the only pediatric hospital in British Columbia. Children's provides the full spectrum of tertiary Pediatric Otolaryngology care and completes over 6,000 surgeries annually across all surgical specialties.

Based in Vancouver, BC Children's Hospital reaches across the province and beyond with specialized and tertiary care for children and their families, including:

- Inpatient, outpatient, and tertiary care for children from infancy to adolescence
- Specialized pediatric surgery in orthopedics, spine, urology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, and plastic surgery
- Transplant and cardiac surgery programs for congenital and acquired heart disease
- Pediatric and neonatal intensive care (including trauma and transport services)
- Newborn intensive care jointly managed with BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre
- Western Canada's most comprehensive pediatric renal and transplant program
- Pediatric psychiatric, neurologic, oncologic, and genetic services
- Interdisciplinary outreach programs throughout BC, including telehealth clinics and provincial consultative services

Children's is affiliated with UBC and other post-secondary institutions throughout the province. As a teaching hospital, it plays an integral part in educating professionals in many disciplines who deliver all levels of care to children.

Research is a core component of all clinical activity at Children's. Through the on-site BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, clinicians and scientists collaborate closely to advance knowledge and care for children, youth, and their families.

THE DIVISION AND TEAM

The Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery comprises a multidisciplinary team including:

Faculty

- **Dr. Neil K. Chadha** (Division Head and Fellowship Program Director)
- **Dr. Mark Felton**
- **Dr. Jeffrey P. Ludemann**
- **Dr. Kiersten Pianosi**
- **Dr. Amjad Tobia**
- **Dr. Paul Mick** (Pediatric/Adult Neuro-Otologist)

Support Team

- 1 - 2 Clinical Fellows
- 1 Otolaryngology Resident
- 3 Clinic Nurses
- 2 Tracheostomy Respiratory Therapists
- 1 Sedation Nurse

CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The fellowship offers a comprehensive one-year clinical experience designed to provide advanced medical and surgical training in pediatric otolaryngology. Specific clinical responsibilities include:

Consultative and Inpatient Care

- Maintaining the consultative service for pediatric otolaryngology
- Providing daily input to the NICU and PICU for airway management
- Attending operative cases arising from consultative and inpatient activities
- Participating in major surgical cases unique to pediatric otolaryngology
- Participating in Pediatric Otolaryngology call, typically as second-call, with some first-call periods as required

Outpatient Care

- Maintaining the fellow's outpatient clinic (½ day per week)
- Participating in multidisciplinary specialty clinics

Teaching and Collaboration

- Attending daily ward rounds
- Maintaining collegial and collaborative working relationships with residents and staff
- Providing formal and informal teaching for residents, students, and allied health learners

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Fellows participate in numerous multidisciplinary clinics, gaining experience in collaborative care across subspecialties:

- Cleft palate
- Craniofacial
- Vascular anomalies
- Pediatric voice
- Tracheostomy/home ventilation
- Complex aerodigestive disorders
- Cochlear implantation
- Bone conduction hearing
- Velopharyngeal insufficiency (VPI)

OPERATIVE EXPERIENCE

Fellows have priority on subspecialty pediatric otolaryngology surgical cases. Training includes extensive surgical experience across the full spectrum of pediatric otolaryngology, with emphasis on:

- **Airway Surgery:** Endoscopic and open airway reconstruction, laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy
- **Otology:** Complex otologic surgery including cochlear implantation, bone-anchored hearing aids (BAHA), endoscopic ear surgery
- **Head and Neck Surgery:** Thyroidectomy, sialoendoscopy, congenital and acquired lesions
- **Rhinology:** Endoscopic sinus surgery, skull base surgery
- **Pediatric Otology:** Management of complex pediatric ear disorders
- **Minimally Invasive Techniques:** Advanced endoscopic-assisted procedures

Resident and fellow training are coordinated to maximize learning for both groups while ensuring fellows gain advanced surgical experience appropriate to subspecialty practice.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND RESEARCH

Didactic and Academic Activities

Fellows participate in all academic activities of BC Children's Hospital and UBC, including:

- **Wednesday Grand Rounds:** UBC Division of Otolaryngology
- **Thursday Academic Rounds:** Including radiology review, quality of care, journal club, aerodigestive conferences, and complex case discussions
- **Daily Ward Rounds**
- **Annual Presentations:**
 - At least one UBC Grand Rounds presentation
 - Presentation at the UBC Division of Otolaryngology Research Day
- **Monthly Journal Club** presentations

Research Expectations

Fellows are expected to engage actively in research, quality improvement, and scholarly activity. Within the first two months, each fellow should develop a research plan with the goal of completing at least two scholarly outputs suitable for presentation or publication during the fellowship year.

Research support includes:

- Dedicated research time
- Access to the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- Support from a research coordinator
- Access to clinical and basic science research opportunities

Skills Laboratory

UBC has a fully equipped temporal bone laboratory for ex vivo otologic and neurotologic training. Fellows actively participate in resident teaching in this laboratory as well as independent skills development.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

One fully funded fellowship position is available per year. Additional positions may be offered subject to available funding.

- **Salary:** Competitive salary commensurate with postgraduate training level
- **Benefits:** Comprehensive benefits package determined according to institutional policy, including medical, dental, and liability insurance
- **Professional Development:** Support to attend conferences and continuing medical education

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: February 28, 2026

Required Materials (submitted electronically):

1. **Personal cover letter** outlining the candidate's interest in the fellowship and future career plans
2. **Curriculum Vitae**
3. **List of three referees** with full contact information (references will be requested directly by the fellowship committee)
4. **Copies of recent and relevant publications**
5. **English language proficiency test results** (if applicable, as per CPSBC requirements)

Selection Process

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview in March or early April 2026 (date to be determined). Interviews are conducted via web video-conference. Visits or observerships at BC Children's Hospital may be arranged.

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