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DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY
Head & Neck Surgery

**Dizziness & Vestibular Disorders Fellowship
General Description**

Supervisors: Dr. Darren Tse (Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Division of Neurology)
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Location: Ottawa Vestibular Program, Ottawa, in partnership with The Ottawa Hospital

The Dizziness & Vestibular Disorders Fellowship at the University of Ottawa is an academically focused, multidisciplinary program providing advanced training in the assessment and management of complex dizziness and vestibular disorders. Jointly supervised by faculty in Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery and Neurology, the fellowship offers specialized experience at the intersection of neuro-otology, neurology, and neuro-ophthalmology. The duration of the fellowship can be tailored to fellow's needs, ranging from 6-12 months.

The program's primary strength lies in its comprehensive clinical exposure within a high-volume, multidisciplinary dizziness service. Fellows train in outpatient neuro-otology clinics, neurology and neuro-ophthalmology clinics, and the Multidisciplinary Dizziness Clinic (MDC), and the Rapid Access Dizziness (RAD) clinic, with direct faculty supervision and graduated responsibility. Fellows work closely with audiology, vestibular physiotherapy, psychology, and other allied health professionals, while also gaining insight into the leadership and administration of a multidisciplinary vestibular program. There is also a one-month rotation in medical and interventional headache management with Headache Neurology Program.

Fellows will gain world-class exposure spanning the full spectrum of central and peripheral vestibular disorders, including chronic vestibular syndromes (such as persistent postural perceptual dizziness), vestibular migraine and migraine therapeutics, acute vestibular syndrome (including vestibular neuritis and posterior circulation stroke), benign paroxysmal positional vertigo and repositioning maneuvers, post-concussion audiovestibular symptoms, and functional dizziness. Fellows develop expertise in recognizing complex nystagmus and neuro-ophthalmologic findings and gain experience interpreting audiovestibular investigations.

The fellowship maintains a strong academic mandate. Fellows participate in departmental academic activities, present one Grand Rounds, and contribute to teaching across Otolaryngology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, and allied health disciplines. There is optional research activity if fellow desires. There is **NO** surgical exposure in this fellowship, allowing concentrated development of expertise in dizziness and vestibular medicine within a robust academic and research environment.