

Required Minimum Number of Key Indicator Procedures for Graduating Residents

Review Committee for Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

Note: Achievement of the required minimum numbers is an indicator of experience, but is not considered an indicator of competence. Programs should continue to evaluate procedural competence to ensure that graduates are competent to enter practice without direct supervision.

Category	Procedure	Min #
KEY INDICATOR: Head and Neck	Parotidectomy (all types)	15
	Neck Dissection (all types)	27
	Oral Cavity	10
KEY INDICATOR: Otolaryngology/Audiology	Thyroid/Parathyroidectomy	22
	Tympanoplasty (all types)	17
	Mastoidectomy (all types)	15
KEY INDICATOR: FPRS	Ossicular Chain Surgery (OCS)	10
	Rhinoplasty (all types)	8
	Craniofacial Trauma (CMF)	12
KEY INDICATOR: General/Peds	Flaps and Grafts	20
	Airway – Pediatric and Adult	20
	Congenital Masses (CM)	7
	Sinus (Ethmoidectomy)	40
	Bronchoscopy	22

Residents are expected to demonstrate progressive responsibility by logging cases as Resident Assistant Surgeon, Resident Surgeon, and Resident Supervisor throughout their educational program, as appropriate. Definitions of participation levels are:

- **Resident Assistant Surgeon:** An assistant surgeon performs less than 50 percent of the procedure, or greater than or equal to 50 percent, but not the key portion(s) of the procedure. To claim a procedure, a resident must “scrub in.” Being present in the room as an observer does not count as having served as an Assistant Surgeon.
- **Resident Surgeon:** A resident surgeon performs greater than or equal to 50 percent of the procedure, including the key portion(s) of the procedure, with the attending surgeon and/or resident supervisor (if applicable).
- **Resident Supervisor:** A resident supervisor instructs and assists a more junior resident through a procedure during which the junior resident performs greater than or equal to 50 percent of the procedure including the key portion(s). The attending surgeon functions as an assistant or observer in such circumstances.