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ALLERGY PRACTICE WITHIN OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

As a medical and surgical specialty, allergy diagnosis and management is well within the scope of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.

- The ACGME otolaryngology training requirements clearly include allergy as part of the definition and scope of otolaryngology and state allergy is a required part of the training. This document has been vetted and accepted by all of the RRCs, including Allergy and Immunology. (http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/downloads/RRC_progReq/280otopr707.pdf)
- The American Board of Otolaryngology (ABOto) Booklet of information (<http://www.aboto.org/BOI.htm>) which is the legal document for otolaryngologists seeking and obtaining board certification includes allergy/immunology in the definition of the specialty. This definition is included in the publication "ABMS Guide to Medical Specialties."
- The ABOto validated scope of knowledge includes allergy as a component of otolaryngology practice. (http://www.aboto.org/specialist_scope_report.pdf)
- Allergy is the subject of a chapter in the ABOto *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Comprehensive Core Curriculum*. (<http://www.aboto.org/Curriculum%2010-19-07%20final.pdf>)
- Allergy questions are included in the OTE (In service), Written, and Oral exams. One of the practice focus areas available in the ABOto's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part III exam modules is Allergy/Rhinology. The significance of this module is that the ABOto creates modules for practice focus areas within otolaryngology, and allergy/rhinology is one of these practice focus areas. The ABOto MOC program has been vetted and approved by the ABMS and its member boards.

The ABOto supports the ABMS position that board certified physicians identify themselves as "Board Certified" by their certifying board, in this case, Otolaryngology. Management of allergic disorders is part of the training and examination required for ABOto certification. Therefore, board certified otolaryngologists are qualified to care for patients with allergic disorders.