



Thank you for choosing ENT & Allergy Specialists! We are a group of 11 Board Certified Otolaryngologists and Allergy and Immunologists serving the Northern KY, Southeast IN and Greater Cincinnati area for over 30 years.

Our scope of practice includes:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pediatric Ear Nose and Throat issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy &amp; Asthma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic Sinusitis</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical and surgical treatment of hearing loss—including hearing aid sales by our Doctors of Audiology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical treatment of diseases of the Thyroid and Parathyroid glands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disorders of the voice, swallowing function, and chronic cough.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snoring and Sleep apnea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertigo and Tinnitus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head and Neck Cancer</li> </ul>

## WHAT IS AN OTOLARYNGOLOGIST?

Otolaryngology is the oldest medical specialty in the United States. Otolaryngologists are physicians trained in the medical and surgical management and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat (ENT), and related structures of the head and neck. They are commonly referred to as ENT physicians.

## HOW ARE EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT SPECIALISTS TRAINED?

Otolaryngologists are ready to start practicing after completing at least 13 years of college and post-graduate training. To qualify for certification by the American Board of Otolaryngology, an applicant must first complete college (four years), medical school (four years), and at least five years of specialty training. Next, the physician must pass the American Board of Otolaryngology examination.

## WHY SHOULD I SEE AN OTOLARYNGOLOGIST?

These specialists differ from many physicians in that they are trained in both medicine and surgery. Otolaryngologists do not need to refer patients to other physicians when ear, nose, throat, or head/neck surgery is needed and, therefore, can offer the most appropriate care for each individual patient. Otolaryngologists are the most appropriate physicians to treat disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck.

## WHAT ARE THE SEVEN AREAS OF EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY?

1. **Allergy:** treatment by medication, immunotherapy (allergy shots) and/or avoidance of pollen, dust, mold, food, and other sensitivities that affect the ear, nose, and throat. *Treating:* hay fever, seasonal and perennial rhinitis, chronic sinusitis, laryngitis, sore throat, otitis media.
2. **Head and Neck:** cancerous and noncancerous tumors in the head and neck (nose/sinuses, mouth, throat, voice box and upper esophagus), including the thyroid and parathyroid. *Treating:* lump in the neck or thyroid, cancer of the voice box.
3. **Laryngology:** disorders of the throat, including voice and swallowing problems. *Treating:* sore throat, hoarseness, swallowing disorder, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), infections and tumors.
4. **Otology/Neurotology:** diseases of the ear, including trauma (injury), infection, benign tumors, and nerve pathway disorders, which affect hearing and balance. *Treating:* ear infection; swimmers ear; hearing loss; ear, face, or neck pain; dizziness, ringing in the ears (tinnitus).
5. **Pediatric Otolaryngology:** diseases in children with special ENT problems including birth defects of the head and neck and developmental delays. *Treating:* ear infection (otitis media), tonsil and adenoid infection, airway problems, asthma and allergy/sinus disease, neck tumors.
6. **Rhinology:** disorders of the nose and sinuses. *Treating:* sinus disorder, nose bleed, stuffy nose, loss of smell, polyps, tumors.
7. **Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery:** cosmetic, functional, and reconstructive surgical treatment of abnormalities of the face and neck and ear. *Treating:* deviated septum, rhinoplasty (nose), face lift, cleft palate, drooping eyelids, hair loss and other ear deformities.