

Fellow Statement

A Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy (AAOA) is recognized by the AAOA for having successfully completed specific rigorous educational and clinical requirements as outlined by the AAOA. These requirements include successful completion of the following:

- Medical or Osteopathic School
- Post-Graduate Residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- ABMS-Board Certification Granted by the American Board of Otolaryngology
- Four (4) AAOA Foundation-sponsored Continuing Medical Education Course
 - (Online modules do not apply)
- Demonstrated Clinical Experience in Otolaryngic Allergy and Immunotherapy
- Successful Completion of both the Written and Oral AAOA Fellow Examination

Otolaryngic Fellows of the AAOA are Board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. The American Board of Otolaryngology defines within the scope of otolaryngology:

"The diagnosis and management of medical and surgical disorders of the head and neck is fundamental to the core of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

The ACGME and RRC in Otolaryngology have required that all otolaryngology training programs offer education and training in allergy and immunology as it applies to the upper aerodigestive tract. All accredited training programs must maintain an ongoing and updated curriculum in this core area.

The American Board of Otolaryngology devotes a portion of its annual certification examination to questions related to allergy and immunology of the head and neck. The 1998 Scope of Knowledge update of the American Board of Otolaryngology reaffirmed that the diagnosis and treatment of allergic disorders of the head and neck is a fundamental part of the knowledge base of the practicing otolaryngologist. Allergic conditions of the ear, nose, paranasal sinuses, larynx, and trachea are encountered daily by the otolaryngic practitioner. In addition, immunologic conditions affecting the ears, salivary glands, thyroid, and lymphatic system must also be included in this fundamental core."

As such, a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy may define herself or himself as a Fellow of the AAOA with ABMS-Board Certification in Otolaryngology, the scope of which includes the diagnosis and management of allergy of the upper aerodigestive tract.