

Case Presentations and Morbidity/Mortality Conference

At regular intervals throughout the year, Thursday afternoon Grand Rounds Conference time is reserved for Case Presentations and for Morbidity and Mortality discussions (see Grand Rounds schedule). *Case Presentations* focus on patients with unusual, difficult, or particularly informative problems who have been treated on the ENT services at our various hospitals and clinics. Such cases will be selected by the chief residents and staff, and will be presented by junior residents.

The format for Case Presentations will begin with a short introduction of the patient's presenting complaint, along with initial physical findings. The presenting resident will then moderate the discussion, posing questions to fellow residents regarding appropriate work-up and diagnostic considerations. As the case is developed, clinical findings, including imaging studies and laboratory information, will be furnished in the sequence in which they were obtained. Once the residents have taken their turns trying to answer the clinical questions at hand, the presenting resident may then turn to staff members for further discussion. Then, the actual diagnosis, course management, and pathological considerations will be presented, with discussion to follow. After each case, the presenting resident will be expected to give a brief summary of pertinent didactic information to shed further light on the case.

Morbidity and Mortality Conference will also occur at these times. All patients who experience complications (as a result of their disease or their treatment) while on the ENT services must be presented at these regular conferences. It is the responsibility of the chief resident on each service to maintain a list of such patients and to assign these cases to junior residents, who will present them. Whenever possible, the resident physician who participated in the treatment of the patient should be the one to present the case, especially if the complication occurred after a surgical procedure.

The format for Morbidity and Mortality conference is a concise presentation of the patient's **pertinent** history, physical exam, imaging studies, and lab tests. This is followed by a description of what untoward event occurred and how it was managed. Questions from other residents and staff are then entertained, and critique, as well as suggestions for further management, are given where appropriate. Again, the presenting resident is expected to be prepared to give didactic information to support the way the case was managed or to illustrate how the complication might have been prevented. If the complication involves a disease process or event outside our specialty, invitations to consultants with expertise in managing that complication are encouraged.

Case Presentations conferences are open to all members of the Department of Otolaryngology especially to our Clinical Staff members, who are invited to bring cases from their own practices for discussion. Morbidity and Mortality conferences will include **only** the MD Faculty and Residents of the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery.

To preserve confidentiality, all presentations at these conferences will be made using only the initials, not the full names, of the patients involved.