

## Thinking of Otolaryngology Surgery?

Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery is the diagnosis and treatment (operative and non-operative) of patients with disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. This includes cancer of the head and neck (excluding the eye and the brain), disorders of the salivary glands and thyroid gland, disorders of hearing, balance, swallowing, speech, snoring/sleep apnoea and aspects of facial plastic surgery.

For more information on Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery as a specialty in New Zealand [click here](#)

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) invites you to view interviews with experienced surgeons about [their study](#), practice and highlights. For programme information [click here](#)

## Otolaryngology Training

Training in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery is coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Board of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery which is responsible for the selection, placement and monitoring of all Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Trainees in New Zealand.

For programme information [click here](#)

To help guide junior doctors' career development during the early pre-vocational years, the College has established JDocs, a competency framework (JDocs Framework) supported by a suite of learning and assessment resources.

JDocs is available to any doctor registered in Australia and New Zealand, from and including internship, where the level of engagement is determined by the junior doctor.

For further information visit the [competency-framework](#) and [RACS competencies](#)

When selecting doctors for Surgical Education and Training (SET) RACS focus is on their potential to achieve the 9 RACS competencies:

1. Professionalism
2. Scholar/Teacher
3. Health Advocacy
4. Management and Leadership
5. Collaboration
6. Communication
7. Medical Expertise
8. Judgement – Clinical Decision Making
9. Technical Expertise

## Specialty Training

### 5 Years

- Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 to 5
- Each SET is 12 months in duration

## Entry Requirements

- [Generic Selection Requirements](#)
- [Specialty Specific Requirements](#)

The number of doctors selected for SET in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery is not based on entry requirements alone but also on scoring high enough in the selection process to be offered one of the limited number of training positions.

<b>You will need to complete placements in multiple DHBs whilst completing vocational training</b>
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SET in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery is separate in New Zealand and Australia.

Registration in SET Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery is not transferable between New Zealand and Australia. Registration is not training-site specific and lasts for the duration of the training programme, assuming satisfactory progression.

## Specialty Training Programme Information

Medical College - [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

RACS consults with the Australian and New Zealand societies of otolaryngology head and neck surgery (ASOHNS & NZOHNS) about matters of quality and standards relevant to training and assessment of the specialty.

### Fellowship/Qualification

Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

### [Application and Selection Process](#)

## Examination Requirement

RACS Examinations include the

- Clinical Examination,
- Generic Surgical Sciences Examination,
- Specialty Specific Examination and
- Fellowship Examination.

Information regarding RACS examinations can be found [here](#)

### [Recognition of Prior Learning](#)

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Further information can be obtained on [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

## Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

### Demand for vocational Training Posts

Year	Number of applications for training year	Number of applicants for training year selected
2016	12	4
2015	9	2
2014	17	6
2013	12	6
2012	12	3
2011	8	4
2010	8	3
2009	16	6

### RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
7	3	2	4	16

(September 2016 RMO census)

## Regions

### **Northern:**

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

### **Midland:**

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

### **Central:**

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

### **South Island:**

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

## Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2016	0
2015	4
2014	4
2013	3
2012	4
2011	0
2010	3
2009	3

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
54	111	33

### Number of Otolaryngology Surgeons by Region (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
28.5	42	13.3	17	14.6	19	16.1	22	72.4	100