

Otolaryngology Program Directors Organization (OPDO) Guide for Residency Applicants 2024/2025

Application platform:

- *ERAS*

Application deadline:

- *Strongly recommend having complete application on date of application release to programs*

Match platform:

- *NRMP*

Letters of recommendation:

- *Recommend 3 or 4, most applicants have most or all letters from Faculty in Otolaryngology*

Away rotation expectations:

- *No requirement, data shows a high rate of receiving an interview offer when applicants complete an away rotation*
- *Many applicants complete one or two away rotations*

Supplemental information:

- *None.*

Signal information:

- *25 signals, per AAMC guidelines applicants are expected to signal home and away rotation programs (unless applicants wish to prioritize other programs).*

Use of USMLE/COMLEX scores:

- *Applicants should have passed USMLE step 1 (Or COMLEX Equivalent)*
- *Recommended that applicants have USMLE step 2 score at time of application release to programs*

Interview invitation process:

- *Otolaryngology uses a universal interview release date- Generally a Thursday or Friday in early November with a delay in scheduling until the following Monday.*

Interview format:

- *Programs choose interview format – anticipate majority of programs will complete in-person interviews*

Applicant communications:

- *No recommendations*

Second Look/Open House planning:

- *No Specialty-specific guidance – anticipate few experiences with most programs completing in-person interviews*