

**Minimum requirements of surgical experiences as chief surgeon for trainees
before sitting exit examination of
The Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists**

Minimum number of intermediate and high skill procedures = 200

Minimum number of high skill procedures = 50

Minimum number of index procedures:

Mastoidectomy = 10

FESS = 30

High skill Head and Neck Procedures = 10

Intermediate skill Head and Neck Procedures = 20

Myringoplasty = 40

SMR/septoplasty = 20

ML for benign vocal cord lesions = 20

Tonsillectomy = 30

Tracheostomy = 20

#1 It is the College's mission to ensure all fellows of our College the expected minimum standard of specialist knowledge and surgical skills in Otorhinolaryngology to provide professional medical care of patients in the community comparable with the expected standard internationally and medico-legally by peers and patients.

#2 This is a minimum requirement, not the maximum. Trainees are preferably to be able to obtain more than the minimum required surgical experiences including non-index procedures as a professional.

#3 ENT procedures performed during BST period or during training period in other surgical specialty can also be counted (e.g. tracheostomy while doing general surgery).

#4 The minimum requirement is an objective pre-requisite requirement for final examination for all HST recruited starting from 1 January 2013. The minimum number will not be compulsory pre-requisite requirement for final examination of existing HST recruited before 1 January 2013. The surgical experiences of current HST trainees however should not be too much below the minimum number as it is an objective reference for assessment of satisfactory completion of training of a trainee before he/she is allowed to sit the final examination.

#5 The minimum number of procedure and the list of index procedures will be re-evaluated every two years to match the changes in disease pattern, mode of clinical practice and expectation of minimum standard of professional service provided by an ENT specialist by the peers and patients.