

OBSERVERSHIP DETAILS

Duration: Tailored to each individual observer. No maximum or minimum time period.

Fee: None.

Visa: Visitors visa (B1/B2) Letter of invitation will be sent upon acceptance of a candidate. The Institute cannot assist with visa acquisition.

Housing: The Institute does not provide housing. New York City has a wide range of housing opportunities which can be arranged prior to arrival.

Training Objectives: Candidates will be exposed to all aspects of care of the head and neck and thyroid cancer patient. Our faculty performs a high volume of ablative and reconstructive surgical procedures with over 100 microvascular reconstructions performed annually. Additional didactic opportunities include participation in the weekly multidisciplinary tumor board as well as quarterly head and neck reconstructive surgery conferences. Candidates who are visiting our service during the annual Head and Neck Reconstruction Course and Thyroid & Parathyroid Courses are encouraged to attend. Research opportunities are available with the Thyroid Head Neck Research Center (THNRC) located at Beth Israel Medical Center.

HOW TO APPLY

Those interested in this observership should write a letter of interest or a personal statement to Dr. Mark Urken at murken@chpnet.org.

Application Deadline: None.

Selection Criteria: Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Recent Curriculum Vitae/Resumé
- A letter of recommendation from your supervising physician who has first-hand knowledge of your clinical/educational experience and background.
- Medical clearance that includes up-to-date vaccination history.
- Copy of medical license.
- Contact Information.
- Planned start and end-date of observership.
- Forms must be completed and can be found online at: www.thancfoundation.org.



Newly renovated operating room completed in 2009.

The Head and Neck surgical team operates in a recently completed, state-of-the-art facility. The observers may see detailed aspects of surgery performed endoscopically, open, and portions of microvascular surgery performed under the microscope. They may observe from the operating room or seated in the comfortable observation room positioned adjacent to the main operating room (see above photo). Details of the surgical procedure are shown through the *in-light* overhead camera and projected onto the large room monitor, as well as the monitors located in the observation room.

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CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIP

IN THE INSTITUTE FOR HEAD,
NECK AND THYROID CANCER IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE
THANC FOUNDATION

THE THANC FOUNDATION

is committed to supporting research and education in the early detection and treatment of thyroid and head and neck cancer; to advancing new therapeutic approaches; and to alleviating the suffering and functional impairment of patients who undergo treatment.



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OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

The Institute for Head and Neck and Thyroid Cancer is a team of more than 30 world-renowned specialists, doctors, and healthcare professionals who have integrated their expertise into a multidisciplinary team to treat cancers of the head and neck and thyroid gland.

Otolaryngologists
Radiation Oncologists
Medical Oncologists
Head & Neck Radiologists
Oral–Maxillofacial Surgeons
Maxillofacial Prosthodontists
General Surgeons
Thoracic Surgeons
Neurosurgeons
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons
Endocrinologists
Oculoplastic Surgeons
Dentists
Head & Neck Pathologists
Psychiatrists
Nutritionists
Pain Management Professionals
Speech & Swallow Therapists

During the observership, the participant will have the opportunity to observe head and neck ablative and reconstructive procedures (microvascular), thyroid and parathyroid procedures. He or she may spend time with each member of the team to focus on their respective areas of expertise (i.e. Radiation Oncology, Head and Neck Pathology and Cytopathology, Medical Oncology, Head and Neck Radiology). The time spent with each discipline can be tailored to the particular educational experience that the participant desires.

The group meets weekly for a multidisciplinary head and neck tumor board conference to discuss each patient who presents to Mount Sinai Beth Israel for management

of a malignancy of the head and neck. Quarterly, the group meets in conjunction with the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, to discuss complicated head and neck reconstructive surgeries in a case presentation format.

As part of the educational mission of our institute, national and international physicians in-training and attending physicians are welcome and encouraged to apply to the Institute for Head and Neck and Thyroid Cancer for an observership. Over the years we have had numerous physicians spend time as observers ranging from a few days to a few months, observing the management of these complicated conditions. Research opportunities are available through the Thyroid Head and Neck Research Center (THNRC), which has been recently developed at Mount Sinai Beth Israel and sponsored by the THANC Foundation. Research is conducted in a wide variety of areas ranging from the review of outcomes following head and neck cancer treatment to that of thyroid cancer treatment. An observer may be able to participate in a particular research program based upon his or her level of experience and the duration of the visit.

ORIGINS OF PAST OBSERVERS

	Argentina		Italy
	Australia		Japan
	Brazil		North Korea
	Canada		Serbia
	China		South Korea
	Denmark		Spain
	England		Venezuela
	Germany		Vietnam
	Israel		

OUR TEAM

NAME	SPECIALTY
Bridget Bennet, MS, RD	Oncology Nutritionist
Daniel Buchbinder, DMD, MD	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Raymond Chai, MD	Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery
Jacqueline Chiang, NP	Senior Nurse Practitioner Head & Neck Surgery
Jean-Marc Cohen, MD	Pathology
Bruce Culliney, MD	Medical Oncology
Katrina De Los Reyes	Physicians Assistant–Head & Neck Surgery
Cindy Ganz, MS	Speech & Swallow Therapy
Alina Gouller, MD	Endocrinology
Manju Harshan, MD	Pathology
Roy Holliday, MD	Radiology
Azita S. Khorsandi, MD	Radiology
Cathy Lazarus, PhD	Speech & Swallow Therapy
Neil Leapman, MD	Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery
Valerie Maccarrone, MD	Radiology
Devin Okay, DDS	Maxillofacial Prosthodontics
Babak Sadoughi, MD	Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery
Alan Schwimmer, DDS	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Raj Shrivastava, MD	Neurosurgery
Michael Turner, DDS, MD	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Mark L. Urken, MD	Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery
Joshua Verona, DDS	Dentist
Michael Via, MD	Endocrinology
Bruce Wenig, MD	Pathology