

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

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We are responsible for medical treatments for any disease in all head and neck areas. We are also conducting varieties of stuies from neuroscience to oncology that relates to our area. Our departement consists of three groups: Otology and neurotology (O&N) group, rhinology and laryngo-pharyngology (R&LP) group, and Head and neck oncology (H&N) group.



Research and Clinical interests

1. O&N group: Clinical and basic research to develop new diagnosing batteries for Persistent Postural-Perceptual Dizziness (PPPD), sensory substitution: treatment for vestibular diseases, animal model of Otitis media with ANCA-associated vasculitis, central processing of auditory information in mice.
2. R&LP group: Biotherapy for chronic sinusitis with nasal polyps, olfactory dysfunction and cognitive disorders, globus sensation of the throat
3. H&N group: Molecular studies focused on cancer microenvironment and metastasis, supportive care for chemoradiotherapy, biotherapy for head and neck cancer

Materials and methods for collaborations

1. Functional MRI in collaboration with Brain Research Institute of Niigata University.
2. Flavoprotein fluorescence imaging studies of mice (our lab.).
3. Molecular biological studies in collaboration with Molecular and Cellular Pathology department.
4. 3D-printed model for simulation surgery (our lab.)

Links to additional info

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4. A validated questionnaire to assess the severity of persistent postural-perceptual dizziness (PPPD): The Niigata PPPD Questionnaire (NPQ). Otol Neurotol 40: e747-e752, 2019 <https://insights.ovid.com/crossref?an=00129492-201908000-00028>
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