



## Case Logs

All otolaryngology residents must maintain an operative log available on the ACGME website. It is critical that the resident enter all cases performed and complete the necessary information. Residents who assist at surgery should be sure to include those cases, as they are important because they indicate a logical progression in the surgical educational process. In general, a resident should first assist on a case before being listed as primary surgeon, signifying an increased level of responsibility based on experience.

The cases are coded using the CPT code, which is widely used for billing and other purposes. It will benefit the resident greatly to learn how to use the CPT system so that he/she will be familiar with it when entering practice.