OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY (ORL) CLINIC
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The ORL (ENT), Clinic of the Nicosia General Hospital provides high quality care to patients, with state-of-the-art medical equipment for outpatient examinations and for the treatment of all surgical interventions. It also comprises of a fully equipped Audiology clinic.

The ENT ward is located on the 4th floor of Nicosia General Hospital in Node B. It has 16 beds in one, two and four-bed rooms.

Patients are examined in outpatient clinics by appointment. Surgeries are performed every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and every last Monday of each month. On Fridays a day surgery operates where small interventions are performed with local anesthesia.

The ORL Clinic of GNL is a center of referral for complex and specialized incidents from all state hospitals, as well as from the private sector.

For the continuous education of the personnel, comprising of the specialized ORLs, Doctors and medical students, a range of educational programs and lectures is organised every two weeks. The themes of these training sessions cover a big range of ENT topics, as well as topics of other specialties of interest and close to O.R.L.specialty.

Three resident doctors are also trained in the clinic for two years. Under the guidance of the Director of the Clinic and the ENT surgeons, a specific training program is followed. At the end of the two-year program, the trainee physicians are able to perform almost the full range of current ENT operations and deal with most incidents of outpatient clinics and emergencies.

The services offered can be summarized as follows:
- Diagnosis and evaluation of hearing loss in children and adults.
- Assessments, adjustments and maintenance of hearing aids in children.
- Assessment and programming of cochlear implant speech processors.
- Audiograms, tympanograms, otoacoustic emissions, acoustic evoked potentials, auditory steady state responses, ENGs, free field hearing assessments, etc.
- Providing information, moral support and guidance to parents as part of a multidisciplinary team, in order to help them accept positively their children’s hearing loss and help them develop early communication skills and lead a normal life.
- Preparation of information material for distribution to obstetric and pediatric clinics.
- Neonatal Hearing screening program.

Since 2016, the whole range of surgical interventions are performed at the Clinic including:

Oropharyngeal operations – adenoidectomies, tonsillectomies, abscesses drainage, tumors removal, etc.

Rinological intervention: polypectomies, septoplasties, functional endoscopic sinus surgeries (FESS) until skull base, tumors removal of the sinuses.

Head and neck procedures: laser surgery, excision of the vocal cords, laryngectomies, thyroidectomies, parotidectomies, surgical removal of the submandibular glands, neck lymph nodes dissection.

Otologic surgeries: tympanoplasties, mastoidectomies, removal of cholesteatomas, stapedotomies, cochlear implantation and others.

The goal of the ORL Clinic is to continuously upgrade, improve quality and meet the increasing needs of patients, both in the surgical and audiological fields.