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Noel Ayoub is a fellowship-trained rhinologist within the Stanford Health Care Division of Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery and Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. After receiving his medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine, he completed residency in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Stanford Health Care and fellowship in advanced Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery at Massachusetts Eye and Ear/Harvard Medical School. In addition to his medical training, Noel holds an MBA from Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where he also earned a Certificate in Public Management and Social Innovation.

Noel is a specialist in rhinology and skull base surgery and utilizes advanced endoscopic techniques to treat a variety of conditions, including complex revision sinus surgery, cerebrospinal fluid leaks, sinonasal and anterior skull base tumors, orbital tumors, and thyroid eye disease. His unique combination of medical and business acumen allows him to approach patient care and healthcare delivery with a comprehensive perspective.

His research spans healthcare innovation, health technology, hospital operations, and health systems leadership. He is particularly focused on building technology to enhance patient care, reduce costs, and reshape the healthcare landscape. He is the co-founder of an international 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, an initiative that demonstrates his commitment to expanding access to healthcare globally. He serves on multiple hospital and national committees, including in the North American Skull Base Society, American Rhinologic Society, and American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Rhinology and Sinus Disease
- Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Resident Annual Team Player Award, Stanford Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (2021, 2022, 2023)
- National Otolaryngology Exam Merit Award, Stanford Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Most Cited Manuscript, JAMA Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (2023)
- Resident Research Symposium Award, Stanford Department of OHNS Resident Research Symposium (2021, 2022)
- Resident Leadership Grant, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2021)
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society (2021)
- Grand Prize Research Award, Stanford Department of OHNS Resident Research Symposium (2020)
- Resident Travel Grant Award, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) (2019)
- Public Management and Social Innovation Certificate, Stanford Graduate School of Business (2018)
- Prevention and Early Detection Committee Community Service Grant, American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) (2016)
- Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery Medical Student Award, Stanford General Surgery (2015)
- Summa Cum Laude, University of California Los Angeles (2012)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of California Los Angeles (2012)
- Chancellor's Service Award, University of California Los Angeles (2012)
- Regent's Scholar Award, University of California Los Angeles (2008)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2024 - present)
- Medical Devices and Drugs Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2024 - present)
- Medical Informatics Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2024 - present)
- Quality Improvement Committee, American Rhinologic Society (2024 - present)
- Value-Based Healthcare Committee, North American Skull Base Society (2024 - present)
- Humanitarian Efforts Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2022 - 2023)
- Telehealth Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2022 - 2023)
- Operating Room Staff Committee, Stanford Health Care (2020 - 2023)
- Medical Devices Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (2020 - 2021)
- Health Information Management Committee, Stanford Health Care (2020 - 2023)
- Teamwork Advisory Council and Stanford Medicine Center for Improvement (SMCI), Stanford Health Care (2020 - 2023)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship, Mass Eye and Ear/Harvard Medical School , Rhinology & Skull Base Surgery (2024)
- Residency, Stanford University School of Medicine , Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery (2023)
- Medical Degree (MD), Stanford University School of Medicine (2018)
- MBA, Stanford University Graduate School of Business (GSB) (2018)
- BS, University of California, Los Angeles , Integrative Biology and Physiology (2012)

LINKS

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Price Transparency and Compliance With Federal Regulation for Pediatric Tonsillectomy.** *Otolaryngology--head and neck surgery : official journal of American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*
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- **Assessment of Opioid Use and Analgesic Requirements After Endoscopic Sinus Surgery: A Randomized Clinical Trial.** *JAMA otolaryngology-- head & neck surgery*
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 - **'Addressed to you not as a smoker... but as a doctor': doctor-targeted cigarette advertisements in JAMA.** *Addiction (Abingdon, England)*
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