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GENERAL (20%)	
	DIAGNOSTIC & ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES (25%)
	Miscellaneous (46%)
1001	Rhinoscopy/Endoscopy
1002	Inspection/Palpation
1003	Dental Occlusion
1004	Mirror Examination/Endoscopy (Nasopharynx)
1005	Mirror Examination/Endoscopy (Hypopharynx/Larynx)
1006	Videostroboscopy/Voice Analysis; Laryngological EMG
1007	Esophagus/Trachea (includes bronchoesophagology, endoscopy, manometry, pH probes, biopsy, pulmonary function tests)
	Imaging Studies (42%)
1008	Computed Tomography
1009	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
1010	Nuclear Medicine (including PET scans)
	Laboratory Studies (12%)
1011	Clinical Lab Studies
1012	Histopathology
1013	Sleep Studies
	DISEASES, DISORDERS, AND CONDITIONS (25%)
	General (33%)
1014	Congenital
1015	Degenerative
1016	Idiopathic
1017	Infectious

	Inflammatory (33%)
1018	Toxic
1019	Allergic
1020	Vascular
1021	Immune Related
	Focused Areas (34%)
1022	Metabolic
1023	Neoplastic
1024	Psychogenic
1025	Iatrogenic
1026	Pain
1027	Foreign Body
	SURGICAL CONCEPTS (45%)
	General (20%)
1028	Types/Suitability of Surgical Facilities
1029	Universal Precautions
1030	Pre/Postoperative Care
1031	Airway Management
1032	Wound Management
1033	Grafts (Autografts, Homografts, Alloplasts)
1034	Flaps (Cutaneous, Myocutaneous, Osteomyocutaneous, Free)
1035	Prosthetics
1036	Mgt of Common Complications (during/after surgery)
	Anesthetic Agents (15%)
1037	Sedation
1038	Local Anesthesia
1039	General Anesthesia
1040	Intraoperative Fluids and Medications

	Surgical Modalities (15%)
1041	Endoscopic Surgery (non-malignant)
1042	Laser Surgery (non-malignant)
	Surgical Procedures (50%)
1043	Myringotomy
1044	Tonsillectomy/Adenoidectomy
1045	Tracheostomy
1046	Sleep Correction/Snoring Surgery
1047	Direct or Microlaryngoscopy (non-malignant)
1048	Phonatory/Framework Surgery
1049	Laryngotracheoplasty/Epiglottoplasty
1050	Management of Laryngeal Fractures
1051	Arytenoidectomy/Arytenoidopexy
1052	Congenital/Sinus Cyst Excision (Branchial Cleft, Thyrogloss)
1053	Neck Abscess Drainage (Pediatric)
1054	Treatment of Laryngeal Clefts/Tracheoesophageal Fistulas
1055	Ethmoid/Ethmoidectomy/Frontoethmoidectomy
1056	Maxillary/Caldwell-Luc
1057	Frontal/Trephination/Obliteration/Ablation
1058	Sphenoid/Hypophysectomy
1059	Septoplasty/Turbinate Surgery
1060	Dacryocystorhinostomy
1061	Epistaxis Management
1062	Orbital Decompression
1063	Removal of Aerodigestive Tract Foreign Bodies
1064	Repair of Rhinological CSF Leak

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	HABILITATION/REHABILITATION APPROACHES (5%)
1065	Vocal/Speech/Language Therapy
1066	Swallowing Rehabilitation

HEAD AND NECK SURGERY (20%)	
	DIAGNOSTIC & ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES (25%)
	Miscellaneous (30%)
2000	Inspection/Palpation/Auscultation
2001	Biopsy/Fine Needle Aspiration
2002	Cranial Nerves
	Imaging Studies (45%)
2003	Plain Radiographs
2004	Computed Tomography
2005	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
2006	Ultrasound
2007	Nuclear Medicine
	Laboratory Studies (25%)
2008	Clinical Lab Studies
2009	Histopathology
	DISEASES, DISORDERS, AND CONDITIONS (25%)
	General (10%)
2010	Degenerative
2011	Vascular
	Focused Areas (75%)
2012	Neoplastic
2013	Iatrogenic
2014	Pain
2015	Foreign Body

	Trauma (15%)
2016	Soft Tissue
2017	Skeletal
	SURGICAL CONCEPTS (50%)
	General (20%)
2018	Pre/Postoperative Care
2019	Airway Management
2020	Wound Management
2021	Grafts (Autografts, Homografts, Alloplasts)
2022	Flaps (Cutaneous, Myocutaneous, Osteomyocutaneous, Free)
2023	Prosthetics
2024	Mgt of Common Complications (during/after surgery)
2025	Intraoperative Fluids and Medications
	Surgical Modalities (5%)
2026	Endoscopic Surgery (malignant)
2027	Laser Surgery (malignant)
	Non-surgical Modalities (15%)
2028	Radiation Therapy/Chemotherapy
2029	Arterial Embolization
2030	Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
	Surgical Procedures (60%)
2031	Arterial Ligation
2032	Maxillectomy
2033	Pharyngotomy
2034	Direct/Microlaryngoscopy (cancer)
2035	Repair of Caustic Ingestion Injuries
2036	Laryngectomy/Pharyngectomy (Partial or Total)
2037	Mandibulectomy/Mandibular Osteotomy
2038	Parotidectomy/Submandibular Gland Resection

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2039	Neck Dissection
2040	Excision of Parapharyngeal Space Mass
2041	Cricopharyngeal Myotomy
2042	Resection of Vascular Malformations
2043	Pharyngoesophageal Reconstruction
2044	Neck Abscess Drainage (adult)
2045	Repair of Penetrating Injuries
2046	Zenker's Diverticulectomy
2047	Surgical Voice Restoration (TEP)
2048	Tracheal Resection
2049	Thyroidectomy
2050	Parathyroidectomy
2051	Skull Base Surgery (Anterior Fossa)

OTOLOGY (20%)	
	DIAGNOSTIC & ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES (25%)
	Ear (50%)
3000	Otoscopy/Microscopy/Pneumatic Otoscopy/Tuning Forks
3001	Hearing Testing
3002	Vestibular Function Testing
	Imaging Studies (30%)
3003	Computed Tomography
3004	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
3005	Nuclear Medicine
	Laboratory Studies (10%)
3006	Clinical Lab Studies
3007	Histopathology
	Functional Status (10%)
3008	Assessment of Psychological/Social Development & Function
3009	Assessment of Occupational Functioning
	DISEASES, DISORDERS, AND CONDITIONS (25%)
	General (20%)
3010	Congenital/Genetic
3011	Degenerative
3012	Idiopathic
	Inflammatory (40%)
3013	Infectious
3014	Toxic
3015	Allergic
3016	Vascular

3017	Immune Related
	Focused Areas (25%)
3018	Metabolic
3019	Neoplastic
3020	Psychogenic
3021	Iatrogenic
3022	Foreign Body
	Trauma (15%)
3023	Soft Tissue
3024	Skeletal
	SURGICAL CONCEPTS (45%)
	General (25%)
3025	Pre/Postoperative Care
3026	Grafts (Autografts, Homografts, Alloplasts)
3027	Incisions/Flaps
3028	Prosthetics
	Specific Surgical Procedures (75%)
3029	Laser Surgery
3030	Canaloplasty
3031	Middle Ear Exploration
3032	Tympanoplasty/Myringoplasty
3033	Stapedectomy
3034	Mastoidectomy
3035	Tympanomastoidectomy
3036	Endolymphatic Sac Surgery
3037	Repair of Perilymphatic Fistula
3038	Transtympanic Installation of Ototoxic Drugs
3039	Labyrinthectomy
3040	Cochlear Implantation
3041	Removal of Acoustic Neuroma & Cerebellopontine

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	Angle Tumors
3042	Mid/Posterior Fossa Lesions
3043	Congenital Middle Ear Reconstruction
3044	Facial Nerve Surgery
3045	Temporal Bone Fracture
3046	Otological CSF Leak
	HABILITATION/REHABILITATION APPROACHES (5%)
3047	Hearing Aids
3048	Vestibular Rehabilitation
3049	Implantable Hearing Devices

PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE (20%)	
	DIAGNOSTIC & ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES (25%)
	Miscellaneous (30%)
4000	Aesthetic Assessment
	Imaging Studies (30%)
4001	Plain Radiographs
4002	Computed Tomography
4003	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
	Laboratory Studies (20%)
4004	Clinical Lab Studies
4005	Histopathology
	Functional Status (20%)
4006	Assessment of Psychological/Social Development Functioning
	DISEASES, DISORDERS, AND CONDITIONS (25%)
	General (25%)
4007	Congenital
4008	Degenerative
4009	Idiopathic
4010	Infectious
	Inflammatory (25%)
4011	Toxic
4012	Allergic
4013	Vascular
4014	Immune Related

Focused Areas (25%)	
4015	Metabolic
4016	Neoplastic
4017	Psychogenic
4018	Iatrogenic
4019	Pain
4020	Foreign Body
	Trauma (25%)
4021	Soft Tissue
4022	Skeletal
	SURGICAL CONCEPTS (50%)
	General (30%)
4023	Pre/Postoperative Care
4024	Wound Management
4025	Grafts (Autografts, Homografts, Alloplasts)
4026	Flaps (Cutaneous, Myocutaneous, Osteomyocutaneous, Free)
4027	Prosthetics
4028	Mgt of Common Complications (during/after surgery)
	Surgical Modalities (5%)
4029	Laser Surgery
	Surgical Procedures (65%)
4030	Rhinoplasty/Revision Rhinoplasty/Nasal Fracture Reductions
4031	Otoplasty
4032	Rhytidectomy
4033	Forehead/Brow Lift
4034	Blepharoplasty/Periorbital Procedures
4035	Mgt of Alopecia/Reconstructive Scalp Surgery
4036	Facial Implants

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4037	Scar Revision
4038	Extratemporal Facial Reanimation
4039	Soft Tissue Expansion
4040	Mandibular Reconstruction
4041	Reconstruction of Cleft Lip/Palate Deformities
4042	Reconstruction of Craniofacial Deformities (microtia, etc)
4043	Treatment of Facial Fractures
4044	Excision of Skin Lesions
4045	Reconstruction of Soft Tissue Defects
4046	Skin Resurfacing Techniques

BASIC SCIENCE AND PHARMACOLOGY (20%)	
	HEAD AND NECK STRUCTURES (75%)
	Site (30%)
5000	Ear/Temporal Bone
5001	Nose/Paranasal Sinuses
5002	Oral Cavity
5003	Salivary Glands
5004	Pharynx/Esophagus
5005	Larynx/Trachea
5006	Thyroid/Parathyroid Glands
5007	Face and Neck/Skin/Integument/Muscles
5008	Facial Skeleton/Skull Base
5009	Nervous System Structures Related to Head & Neck
5010	Sites Important for Evaluation/Treatment of HN Conditions
	Sensory & Motor Function (Basic Physiology, Pathophysiology) (30%)
5011	Hearing/Equilibrium
5012	Speech/Voice/Language
5013	Smell/Taste
5014	Ophthalmologic Evaluation
	Basic Science (30%)
5015	Immunology/Allergy
5016	Microbiology/Virology
5017	Endocrinology
5018	Neurology
5019	Molecular Biology
5020	Genetics
5021	Epidemiology
5022	Physiology

5023	Biochemistry
5024	Embryology
5025	Nutrition (including vitamins)
	Misc (10%)
5026	Ethical Issues
5027	Clinical Outcome Measures
5028	Economics & Practice Management
5029	Statistics & Experimental Design
	PHARMACOLOGY (25%)
	Pharmacology (100%)
5030	Antivertiginous Medications/Antiemetics
5031	Topical/Systemic Antiinflammatory Agents (Steroids/Non-steroidals)
5032	Antireflux Agents
5033	Pain Medications (Analgesics, Sedatives Hypnotics, etc)
5034	Antineoplastic Agents (Chemotherapy)
5035	Skin Modifying Agents/Botulin Toxin
5036	Pain Management
5037	Treatment of Anaphylaxis
5038	Antibiotics
5039	Nasal Decongestants/Antihistamines