Career Journal #1: Activity 1.1.3

1) Otolaryngologist

2) Otolaryngologists are ready to start practicing after completing up to 15 years of college and post-graduate training. To qualify for certification by the American Board of Otolaryngology, an applicant must first complete college (four years), medical school (four years), and at least five years of specialty training. Next, the physician must pass the American Board of Otolaryngology examination. In addition, some otolaryngologists pursue a one- or two- year fellowship for more extensive training in one of eight subspecialty areas. These subspecialty areas are allergy, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, head and neck, laryngology (throat), otology/neurotology (ears, balance, and tinnitus), pediatric otolaryngology (children), rhinology (nose), and sleep disorders. Some otolaryngologists limit their practices to one of these eight areas.

3) Otolaryngologists are physicians trained in the medical and surgical management and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat (ENT), and related structures of the head and neck. They are commonly referred to as ENT physicians. Otolaryngologists diagnose and manage diseases of the ears, nose, sinuses, larynx (voice box), mouth, and throat, as well as structures of the neck and face.

4) The median expected salary for a typical Otolaryngologist in the U.S. is $317,115.

5) What is an otolaryngologist?. (2013). *American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery*. Retrieved from http://www.entnet.org/HealthInformation/otolaryngologist.cfm

Physician - otolaryngology salary. (2013). *Salary.com*. Retrieved from http://www1.salary.com/Physician-Otolaryngology-Salary.html

6) We have just learned about the directional medical terms so this career is related to that lesson in that an ENT physician should be very well acquainted with the usage of these terms because he could make a mistake and do a surgery on someone’s nose instead of operating the person’s lateral side of the head, which was supposed to be their ears. I like this career because it is a necessary field of study, and if my hearing or smell was off, I would be in the need of a physician specialized in this field. However, I would not pursue this career because I would not want to be looking up people’s noses or operating on things like ears as a profession—it’s kind of unpleasant and awkward… :P