

## United States Medical Licensure Examination

### **USMLE STEP III**

All first year residents must sit for and successfully pass the USMLE Step III examination prior to promotion to a second year position.

The USMLE Step III exam may be scheduled at any time during the first year of residency.

The results of the first attempt must be made available to the Program Director prior to completion of the ninth (9th) month of PG 1 training. If the resident was unsuccessful on the first attempt this will allow time for a second attempt prior to the issuance of a PG2 contract. Currently, the USMLE Step III exam may be taken up to three (3) times in a 12 month period with a 90 day waiting period between each exam.

A resident may be given a Contingent PG2 contract under the following conditions:

- The resident failed USMLE Step III on the first attempt and has taken or registered to take the exam for a second time. The USMLE Step III results will be available no later than two months after the contract start date; and,
- The Program director has presented evidence to the Graduate Medical Education Committee the resident has otherwise fulfilled all the requirements for progression.

Failure to pass USMLE Step III a second time is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program. However, the program director may consider, as an alternative to dismissal, the option of demoting the resident who has failed a second time back to a PG1 level with salary, duties and responsibilities being assigned at the PG1 level. Failure to pass the exam on a third attempt will result in immediate dismissal.

Each resident is responsible for contacting the appropriate board to register for the USMLE Step III exam. The resident must provide a copy of the score of the exam to the Program Director.

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