

BLS/ ACLS Certification

POLICY

Residents and Fellows under their Graduate Medical Education (GME) Agreement with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will maintain active Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification throughout residency training. The only exception to this policy requiring ACLS certification is for Endocrinology Fellows.

PURPOSE

To ensure that all residents in GME programs are trained to provide the Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support techniques.

PROCEDURE

The resident must provide documentation of active BLS and ACLS certification during the initial credentialing process. Failure to do so will result in delayed credentialing. The residency program will bear the cost of continuous renewal of BLS/ACLS certification training. If the resident allows their BLS/ACLS certification to expire, the resident is responsible for the cost of the course to reinstate certification. If a resident is scheduled for BLS/ACLS certification course and does not attend the course, the resident is responsible for the cost of the course. In addition to the BLS/ACLS certification, residents may be required to maintain additional active life support certification (i.e. PALS, NRP, ATLS) as required by their residency. All above procedures apply to the additional certification. Failure to be recertified within 90 days of expiration of certification may result in removal from clinical duties until certification is obtained.

Programs must submit data on ACLS certification for all residents and fellows to the Office of Graduate Medical Education as part of their Annual Report.

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Approved by:

DIO, Chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee

Date