



Stony Brook Medicine Graduate Medical Education

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Responsible Department/Division/Committee:

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Policy:

SBUH has an institutional policy regarding the certification/recertification of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training.

All residents and fellows entering SBM GME training programs must be Basic Life Support (BLS) and ACLS certified. All residents must maintain BLS certification throughout their training. Pathology fellows are exempt from this requirement.

Residents and fellows entering into Pediatrics training programs (core and fellowships), Child Neurology, Child Psychiatry, and Pediatric Dentistry may be certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) in place of ACLS.

Definitions:

None

Procedures:

INCOMING RESIDENTS/FELLOWS:

Incoming residents and fellows must demonstrate completion of a BLS and ACLS (or PALS) course before starting training at SBM. That course must be an American Heart Association-accredited course.

For those who do not have active certification upon entering training at SBM, a course will be made available to incoming residents/fellows during the month of June. Incoming residents/fellows must register for the course through the GME Office. The course will be offered at no cost to the resident/fellow. However, if the resident/fellow registers for the course and does not attend or does not return the book, the resident/fellow will be responsible for the cost of the book and course (\$100).

RECERTIFICATION:

Periodically during the year, additional courses will be made available for recertification. Residents/fellows must register for recertification courses through their program coordinator

Residents/fellows are eligible for recertification provided their ACLS certification is current or it is within 6 months of the expiration date. If it is more than 6 months since their certification has expired the resident/fellow must attend a full certification course.

The resident/fellow must register for the course and must provide a \$100 deposit which will be refunded provided they attend the course. If the resident/fellow registers for the course and does not attend or does not return the book, they will be charged \$100.

For residents in a number of programs, ACLS certification must be maintained throughout the duration of training in the program. Programs are responsible for tracking certification status for residents and fellows in their department. Coordinators will now be responsible for registering residents and fellows in their department for ACLS Courses to ensure proper coverage is in place. A List of courses offered at Stony Brook and the VA will be posted to New Innovations. Residents who fail to be recertified when required may be at risk for suspension or non-renewal.

Residents in the following departments must maintain their ACLS (PALS) certification:

- Anesthesiology
- Dental Anesthesia
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Interventional Radiology
- Family Medicine
- Medicine/Pediatrics (requires ACLS and PALS)
- Neurology
- Obstetrics/Gynecology

Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery
Otolaryngology
Pediatrics
Surgery
Urology
Vascular Surgery
Cardiovascular Diseases
Colorectal Surgery
Electrophysiology
Gastroenterology
Hematology-Oncology
Interventional Cardiology
Nephrology
Neonatology
Pulmonary/Critical Care
Surgery/Critical Care

RECERTIFICATION PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TRAINING:

In order to be eligible to take a recertification course at no cost for the resident who is graduating, the resident must have maintained current ACLS certification while at SBM. If ACLS certification has expired more than six months before the end of their residency program, they may take the ACLS course, provided there is room in the course; however they must pay a \$100 course fee.

Forms: (Ctrl-Click form name to view)

None

Policy Cross Reference: (Ctrl-Click policy name to view)

None

Relevant Standards/Codes/Rules/Regulations/Statutes:

None

References and Resources:

None