



Stony Brook Medicine Graduate Medical Education

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Responsible Department/Division/Committee:

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Policy:

Stony Brook Medicine (SBM) 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 (or PALS for pediatrics training programs) certified. All trainees must maintain BLS certification throughout their training. Pathology residents and HemePath, CytoPath, and Surgical 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.

RECERTIFICATION:

All residents and fellows must maintain their ACLS (PALS) certification for the duration of their training. Residents and fellows in the following programs are exempt from maintaining ACLS (PALS) certification throughout their training:

- Pathology residents
- HemePath, CytoPath, and Surgical Pathology fellows
- Preventive Medicine

Periodically during the year, additional courses will be made available for recertification. Residents/fellows are eligible for recertification if their ACLS certification is current. Registration is through the program coordinators and requires provision of a \$100 check. If the resident/fellow does not attend the course or does not return the manual, they will forfeit the \$100.

Program coordinators are responsible for tracking certification status for residents and fellows in their department. Coordinators will 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 will be posted to New Innovations. Residents who fail to be recertified when required may be at risk for suspension or non-renewal.

Forms: (Ctrl-Click form name to view)

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

None

Relevant Standards/Codes/Rules/Regulations/Statutes:

None

References and Resources:

None