

I. Policy

All residents with direct patient care responsibilities will obtain Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider status prior to beginning any patient care responsibilities.

II. Scope

Residents at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg.

III. Definitions

Resident – Any postgraduate M.D., D.O., D.D.S. or D.M.D. physician in training, whether or not in an ACGME approved training program.

IV. Procedure

- A. All residents with direct patient care responsibilities will obtain BLS and ACLS provider status prior to beginning patient care responsibilities.
- B. The Center for Education will confirm that residents have obtained BLS and ACLS provider status prior to authorizing them to begin patient care responsibilities.
- C. Program Coordinators will notify residents at least 60 days before their BLS and ACLS recommended renewal date so that the resident may schedule a renewal course. Program Coordinators will forward to the GME Coordinator by May 31 confirmation of all residents' status for BLS and ACLS.
- D. Each department with residents will budget for payment of BLS and ACLS course costs of its residents of the Emergency Medicine institute for courses taken at Lehigh Valley Hospital.
- E. Residents and fellows wishing to take BLS and ACLS courses outside of Lehigh Valley Hospital shall be responsible for any and all costs of these courses, including travel.
- F. Continuing residents who do not fulfill this requirement have a 30-day grace period and may then be put on suspension from their clinical training.

V. Attachments – N/A

VI. Distribution

Administrative manual

VII. Approval

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Chief Medical Officer

VIII. Policy Responsibility

Director, Center for Education

IX. References

N/A

X. Revisions Statement of Right as Follows:

Hospital reserves the right unilaterally to revise, modify, review, rescind or alter the terms and conditions of this policy within the constraints of the law, by giving reasonable notice.

XI. Others

N/A

XII. Dates

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GMEC 2/1999
GMEC 3/2001
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