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TITLE: Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS)

SUBJECT: Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS)

POLICY STATEMENT: The purpose of this policy is to identify the need for ACLS, which includes Basic Life Support (BLS) per policy 18571035, and/or PALS certification of GME residents/fellows prior to the start of their GME training and the expectation for maintaining certification as advised by this policy, hospital policy (18571035) and when applicable, by ACGME Review Committee requirements.

PROCEDURE:

1. Requirements

- a) Incoming GME residents/fellows in the following programs must be ACLS certified prior to the start of their GME training.
 - o Residencies
 - Anesthesiology
 - Dental (BLS only)
 - Dermatology (BLS only)
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Family Medicine
 - Internal Medicine
 - Interventional Radiology - Independent
 - Neurology
 - Neurological Surgery
 - Obstetrics & Gynecology
 - Orthopaedic Surgery
 - Otolaryngology
 - Psychiatry (BLS only)
 - Radiology
 - Surgery
 - Urology (PGY1 residents only)
 - o Fellowships
 - Cardiovascular Diseases
 - Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (BLS only)
 - Gastroenterology
 - Geriatric Medicine (BLS only)
 - Interventional Cardiology
 - Neuromuscular Medicine
 - Neuroradiology
 - Pain Medicine
 - Procedural Dermatology
 - Pulmonary Disease & Critical Care Medicine
 - Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
 - Vascular Surgery
- b) Incoming GME residents in the Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Pediatrics programs must be PALS certified prior to the start of their GME training. During the onboarding process,

PGY-1 residents requiring initial PALS certification are provided the option to register for the UVM Medical Center course which occurs prior to the start of orientation.

- c) If any other programs require ACLS and/or PALS certifications, they should notify the GME office, with the goal of having new residents obtain this certification prior to the start of training.
 - d) Ongoing maintenance of ACLS and/or PALS certification is the responsibility of the GME training programs.
2. Process Renewal of Certification
- a) GME office notifies the program director (PD) and program administrator (PA) of residents/fellows requiring renewal of certification.
 - b) GME office provides dates/times for these renewals.
 - o Programs are expected to enroll their residents/fellows into renewal sessions to avoid lapses in certification.
 - c) Residents/Fellows are expected to keep their scheduled renewal session or communicate in advance the need to change to another session within the renewal window.
 - d) Residents/Fellows whose certifications lapse are removed from clinical duty and reading/research experiences until their renewal is completed. They must use their vacation days until they complete their recertification.
3. Fee Payment
- a) GME Office pays the fee for the incoming PGY-1 residents who require initial ACLS certification per policy and who take the course identified by the GME Office.
 - o Residents can obtain certification elsewhere, but the GME Office will not reimburse ACLS training taken outside of UVM Medical Center.
 - b) Renewal of ACLS certification is not reimbursable by the GME office. Renewal fees must be paid by the program or resident/fellow.
4. Registration
- a) During the onboarding process, PGY-1 residents requiring initial ACLS certification are provided the option to register for the UVM Medical Center.
 - b) GME office enrolls and registers residents/fellows into the on-line training module(s) that must be completed prior to their hands-on skills appointment.

REFERENCES: Policy 18571035 Adult Resuscitation Policy – UVMMC Main Campus

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