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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 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 (ANES2) 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
 - Family Medicine
 - Internal Medicine
 - Neurology
 - Orthopaedic Surgery
 - Otolaryngology
 - Radiology
 - Surgery
 - o Fellowships
 - Cardiology
 - Gastroenterology
 - Interventional Cardiology
 - Neuromuscular Medicine
 - Procedural Dermatology
 - Pulmonary Disease & Critical Care Medicine
 - Vascular Surgery
- b) Incoming GME residents in the Pediatrics program 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) 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. ACLS sessions take place at the main campus in the GME conference room. PALS sessions take place at Fanny Allen.
 - o Programs are expected to enroll their residents/fellows into renewal sessions to avoid lapse 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 who laps in certification 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. GME office provides the appropriate form for completion which is required prior to enrollment.
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 course which occurs prior to the start of orientation.
 - b) GME office enrolls and registers residents/fellows into the HealthStream system for ACLS and PALS renewal.

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