

SECTION: Graduate Medical Education Policies

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SUBJECT: Policy on BLS and ACLS
for House Officers

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Policy

All house officers will maintain BLS certification throughout training, per RIH policy found at the following link:

<http://intra.lifespan.org/policies/rih/Administrative%20RIH%20Policy%20Manual/Administration%2C%20Section%201/adminnocardarrplnrev05-10.pdf>

All house officers who need ACLS or comparable certification (e.g., PALS, ATLS) for the performance of their residency or fellowship duties will be provided with the appropriate training.

Procedure

BLS Training

1. BLS training will be provided to all house officers in their first year of employment through the GME Orientation (or other arrangements) with the costs covered by the Institution.
2. BLS re-certification training will be offered regularly to all House Officers in order to ensure maintenance of certification throughout training.
 - a. The GME office will track certification expiration dates and notify House Officers of the need for renewal.
 - b. Costs of BLS recertification training will be covered by the Institution.

ACLS and/or Comparable Training

3. ACLS or comparable training will be provided to all house officers who require it for the performance of their residency or fellowship duties in their first year of employment through the GME orientation (or other arrangements) with the costs covered by Institution.
4. ACLS re-certification or comparable courses will be provided for those house officers who need to maintain certification throughout training. The GME Office will cover the cost of necessary ACLS re-certification (or comparable training) to maintain certification during training here. ACLS re-certification (or comparable training) will not be provided if certification expires after the house officer's contract ends.
5. The GME office will maintain documentation from Program Directors as to the need to maintain certification throughout training in order to perform program duties.

Fellows and residents seeking ACLS re-certification for non-residency/fellowship reasons (e.g., moonlighting or credentialing at future hospital of employment) will be responsible for obtaining and paying for their own re-certification.