Residents under their Graduate Medical Education (GME) Agreement with The University of Toledo will maintain active Basic Life Support (BLS) certification, and in programs where required, active Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification throughout residency training.

PURPOSE

To ensure that all residents in GME programs are trained to provide the Life Support techniques. To ensure that the institution is not placed in jeopardy of having its JCAHO accreditation withdrawn or risk the safety of patients in the institution with attendant liability.

PROCEDURE

The resident will acquire within the first three (3) months of residency training, and thereafter maintain, BLS certification, and in programs where required ACLS certification. The programs in which ACLS certification is required are Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Surgery. Additional programs reserve the right to require residents to maintain ACLS certification during residency training. Those programs, must a have written policy in place in the residency program and GME offices. The residency program will bear the cost of the initial and continuous renewal of BLS/ACLS certification training.

If the resident allows their BLS/ACLS certification to expire, the resident is responsible for the cost of the course to reinstate certification.

If a resident is scheduled for BLS/ACLS certification course and does not attend the course, the resident is responsible for the cost of the course. However, if the resident does not attend the course due to circumstances outside of his/her control (i.e., family emergency, illness, etc.) the resident is not responsible for the cost of the course.
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