

Medical Education Policy: Life Support Training

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1. PURPOSE:

The Institution has a responsibility to ensure residents begin their clinical education with the appropriate life support training that is necessary for them to successfully assume certain clinical responsibilities. These certifications must be maintained throughout the resident's training based on specialty-specific clinical responsibilities.

2. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), and Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited graduate medical education programs sponsored by Carilion Medical Center (CMC).

3. DEFINITIONS:

Resident refers to all interns, residents, and fellows participating in CMC post-graduate training programs.

4. PROCEDURES:

Outlined below are the minimum requirements for life support training for residents entering a Graduate Medical Education training program. In addition, each program must adhere to national and CMC specialty guidelines for further training and maintenance of certifications. Program-specific guidelines will determine which certifications are required and will be communicated to incoming trainees.

a. Basic Life Support (BLS):

All residents must present a valid BLS certification to begin clinical responsibilities. In most cases, this must be obtained prior to your start date with Carilion. CMC ascribes to guidelines established by the American Heart Association (AHA). Residents must complete an AHA sponsored BLS

course for their certification to be accepted. Residents must maintain this certification throughout their residency training.

- b. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS):
Residents who are required to participate in the Code Blue Response Team during their assigned duties, or as otherwise required by the program, must successfully complete the AHA ACLS Provider course prior to assuming clinical responsibilities and maintain this certification as long as they have this responsibility.

- c. Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS):
Residents in Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Plastic Surgery and Neurosurgery programs are required to successfully complete the ATLS Student Course in the beginning of their first educational year and maintain this certification throughout their residency training, or as otherwise required by the program.

- d. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS):
Pediatric, Family Medicine, and Emergency Medicine residents who are required to participate in the Pediatric Code Blue Response Team during their assigned duties must successfully complete the PALS Provider Course prior to assuming clinical responsibilities and maintain this certification as long as they have this responsibility.

- e. Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP):
Residents entering Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics must successfully complete the NRP course prior to beginning clinical duties and maintain this certification throughout their residency training.

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