

**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY: ACLS CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

PURPOSE

To establish an institutional policy regarding the certification/recertification of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training

POLICY

Residents/fellows entering the following programs must be currently ACLS certified:

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| Anesthesiology | Infectious Diseases | Orthopaedics |
| Dental Anesthesiology | Interventional Cardiology | Physical |
| Emergency Medicine | Nephrology | Medicine/Rehabilitation |
| Family Medicine | Pulmonary/Critical Care | Psychiatry |
| Internal Medicine | Rheumatology | Radiology |
| Cardiology | Sleep Medicine | Musculoskeletal |
| Endocrinology | Med/Neuro | Surgery |
| Gastroenterology | Med/Peds | Surgery- Colon Rectal |
| Geriatrics | Ob/Gyn | Surgery-Critical Care |
| Hematology/Oncology | Oral Maxillofacial Surgery | Vascular Surgery |
| | | Urology |

INCOMING RESIDENTS/FELLOWS:

A course will be made available to incoming residents/fellows during the month of June.

Incoming residents/fellows **MUST** register for the course through the Medical Staff Office. The course will be offered at no cost to the resident. However, if the resident registers for the course and does not attend, the resident/fellow will be responsible for paying \$250.

RECERTIFICATION:

Periodically during the year, additional courses will be made available for recertification.

Residents/fellows are eligible for recertification provided their current ACLS certification has expired within 6 months of the scheduled course. If certification has expired more than 6 months ago, the resident/fellow must attend a full certification course.

The resident/fellow must register for the course and must provide a \$250 deposit which will be refunded provided they attend the course. If the resident/fellow registers for the course and does not attend, they will be charged \$250.

RECERTIFICATION PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TRAINING:

In order to be eligible to take a recertification course at no cost for the resident who is graduating, the resident must have maintained current ACLS certification while at SBUH. If ACLS certification has expired more than six months before the end of their residency program, they may take the ACLS course, provided there is room in the course and they must pay a \$250 course fee.

Example: Resident who is completing program in June 2010 and has an ACLS certification which expired March 2010: the resident is eligible to take a recertification course in May at no cost.

Resident who is completing program in June 2010 and has an ACLS certification which expired in October 2009: the certification has been expired more than 6 months. The resident is not eligible to take a recertification course, at no cost. If the resident wants to certify in ACLS, they will have to take a full course and will have to pay \$250, provided there is room in the course.

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