

Lehigh Valley Health Network
Graduate Medical Education
Life Support Provider Status

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I. Policy

This policy sets the expectations for resident physicians/dentists with regard to life support course certification at the start of residency and maintenance of certification during residency.

II. Scope

Residents of Lehigh Valley Health Network.

III. Definitions

Resident – Any postgraduate M.D., D.O., D.D.S. or D.M.D. physician/dentist in training, whether or not in an ACGME/AOA/ADA approved training program.

IV. Procedure

A. All M.D., D.O., D.D.S. or D.M.D. residents with direct patient care responsibilities will obtain Basic Life Support (BLS) prior to beginning any patient care responsibilities and maintain certification throughout residency.

B. As outlined in the chart below, all residents with direct patient care responsibilities will obtain the appropriate Life Support provider status prior to beginning patient care responsibilities and maintain certification throughout residency.

Program	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	NRP or NALS	ATLS
	Prior to Arrival		Scheduled by Department	
Cardiology	X			
Colon Rectal Surgery	X			
Dermatology				
Emergency Medicine	X	X		X
Family Medicine	X		X	
General Practice Dentistry	X			
General Surgery	X			X
Hospice Palliative Medicine	X			
Internal Medicine	X			
Nephrology	X			
OBGYN	X		X	
Pediatrics		X	X	
Pharmacy				
Plastic Surgery	X			X
Surgical Critical Care	X			X
Transitional Year	X			

- C. The Division of Education will confirm that residents have obtained the appropriate provider status prior to authorizing them to begin patient care responsibilities.
- D. Program Coordinators will notify residents at least 90 days before their Life Support provider recommended renewal date so that the resident may schedule a renewal course.
- E. Each department with residents will budget for payment of life support course costs for its residents at rates set by the Emergency Medicine Institute for courses taken at Lehigh Valley Health Network. The Division of Education pays for initial certification of new residents within the institution.
- F. Residents wishing to take BLS, ACLS and PALS courses outside of Lehigh Valley Health Network shall be responsible for any and all costs of these courses, including travel.
- G. Individual departments and/or residencies may require additional life support courses not mentioned above (for example neonatal resuscitation for pediatrics).
- H. Continuing residents who do not fulfill this requirement have a 30 day grace period and may then be put on suspension from their clinical training.

VII. Approval

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: August 12, 2013

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Date

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