Name of Policy: GME: Basic Life Support Status and Advanced Cardiac Life Support

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Approving Officer: Dean, College of Medicine and Life Sciences

Responsible Agent: Director, Graduate Medical Education

Scope: UT College of Medicine Residents

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## <u>POLICY</u>

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) and/or Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) certification throughout residency training.

## **PURPOSE**

To ensure that all residents in GME programs are trained to provide the Life Support techniques.

## **PROCEDURE**

The resident will acquire within the first thirty (30) days of residency training, and thereafter maintain, BLS certification, and in programs where required, ACLS certification.

The resident/fellow must maintain an active BLS certification throughout their residency/fellowship training.

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 should have written policy in place in the residency program.

The GME Office will bear the cost of the initial BLS certification, if applicable. The residency program will bear the cost of the initial ACLS and other certification training as required by the program and the continuous renewal of BLS/ACLS and other certification training, as required by the program.

If the resident allows their BLS/ACLS certification to expire, the resident is responsible for any costs associated with 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 any costs associated with 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.

In addition to the BLS/ACLS certification, residents may be required to maintain additional active life support certification (i.e. PALS, ATLS) throughout their residency education. All above procedures apply to the additional certification.

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