I. Policy Statement
   A. The purpose of this policy is to set forth the specific life support certifications required to be maintained by residents who have direct patient contact.
   B. This policy is important because residents who have direct patient contact must be able to perform life support measures when needed. BLS certification is a hospital requirement.

II. Definitions
   Not Applicable

III. Process/Content
   A. All residents who have direct contact with patients must maintain active certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), through training sessions which have been endorsed by the American Heart Association (AHA). Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certification for residents in programs listed below must also be through training sessions endorsed by the AHA.
   B. Exceptions to certification include:
      1. Pathology residents will not be mandated to take BLS or ACLS.
      2. Orthopaedic Surgery and General Surgery Residents will be required to take BLS and ACLS as new residents. After the PGY-1 year, surgery residents will be required to maintain BLS certification after the expiration date, but will not be required to maintain certification in ACLS. Surgery residents past PGY-1 will be required to be certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) for the duration of their residency. Residents in any other surgery residency will be required to maintain the BLS certification and will have the option of maintaining ATLS instead of ACLS.
      3. Surgical Critical Care fellows are required to have BLS, ACLS, PALS, and ATLS certifications.
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4. Pediatrics residents will be required to maintain BLS, PALS, and NRP certifications for the duration of training and will not be required to maintain ACLS.

5. Family Medicine residents must maintain PALS and NRP certifications in addition to BLS and ACLS certifications.

6. Med/Peds residents must maintain PALS and NRP certifications in addition to BLS and ACLS certifications.

7. Emergency Medicine residents are required to be certified in BLS, ACLS, PALS, NRP, and ATLS. NRP is required for only the first two years of residency.

IV. Attachments
   Not Applicable

V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links
   Not Applicable