


Title: Graduate Medical Education - Step 3 and COMLEX Exam Requirements - Policy

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I. Policy Statement

- a. The purpose of this policy is to make clear the requirement for passing United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 3 for Medical Doctors (MD) or Comprehensive Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) for Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) prior to completing the training program.
- b. This policy is important because it makes clear that residents are required to pass Step 3 or COMLEX prior to starting their final year of residency.

II. Definitions

- a. Not Applicable

III. Process/Content

- a. All residents are required to pass Step 3 of the USMLE or COMLEX prior to starting their final year of residency.
- b. Residents are encouraged to take the exam early in the Second Post Graduate Year (PGY-2) year in order to allow for remediation if necessary.
- c. Evidence of successful completion of this exam must be given to the program director/coordinator prior to the final year of residency and kept in the resident's file.
- d. Failure to provide evidence of successful completion prior to beginning the final year of training may result in non-renewal of the residency contract and dismissal from the program.
- e. Individual training programs may have completion requirements prior to the timeline outlined above.

IV. Attachments

- a. Not Applicable

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- V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links**
 - a. Not Applicable