


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. Resident – Resident means an intern, resident, or fellow who is formally accepted, enrolled, and participating in an approved MUHC medical training program. (based on CMS Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents and ACGME Glossary of Terms)

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 should take the exam during their First Post Graduate Year (PGY-1), but no later than the Second Post Graduate Year (PGY-2) 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.

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IV. Attachments

- a. Not Applicable

V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links

- a. Not Applicable