Policy:   USMLE STEP 3 COMPLETION

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In this policy, the term “resident” refers to all interns, residents and fellows in GME training programs.

Procedure:
The OSUMC desires to have its residents and fellows be eligible to practice independently with a full medical license at the successful completion of their training program. The ACGME common program requirements state “the program director must provide a final evaluation for each resident who completes the program. The evaluation should . . . verify that the resident has demonstrated sufficient professional ability to practice competently and independently. The final evaluation must be part of the resident’s permanent record maintained by the institution.”

In order to receive a state of Ohio training certificate, trainees must, among other requirements, successfully complete Step 1 and Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination™ (USMLE). In addition, state medical licensing authorities also require successful completion of USMLE Step 3 in order to obtain a full medical license. Effective July 1, 2005 all IMGs must have taken and passed either the Step 2 CS or the ECFMG’s Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) in order to be eligible for the Step 3. Individuals graduating in 2005 (or later) from an LCME- or AOA-accredited medical school program in the U.S. or Canada are required to take and pass Step 2 CS in order to be eligible to sit for the Step 3. With some exceptions for extended training, all three Steps of the USMLE must be successfully completed within seven-years of passing the first examination.

1. All entering residents must have successfully completed USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 (CK & CS) prior to appointment to the limited staff of University Hospital and prior to official appointment to their training program.

2. All residents must successfully complete USMLE Step 3 prior to the completion of the PGY-2 training year. Residents entering a program at the PGY-3 level or higher must have completed USMLE Step 3 prior to their appointment to the Medical Staff. This policy will be enforced beginning with promotions or appointments scheduled after June 1, 2008.
3. Individuals not completing USMLE Step 3 by the completion of their PGY-2 year will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Potential disciplinary actions include but are not limited to suspension, probation, or termination.