



I. PURPOSE:

This policy is designed to ensure that graduates of all Children's National Hospital's ACGME accredited training programs are capable of competent, autonomous practice in their respective specialties and qualified to obtain a full, unrestricted medical license.

II. POLICY SCOPE:

All Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency and fellowship programs sponsored by CH.

III. DEFINITIONS:

Trainee

Trainee refers to all interns, residents and fellows participating in an ACGME or Non-ACGME accredited training programs sponsored by CH.

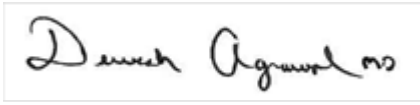
Training Program

Training program or program refers to an ACGME or Non-ACGME accredited internship, residency or fellowship training program sponsored by CH.

IV. POLICY:

1. All Trainees must take and pass USMLE Step III by January 1st of the PGY-2 year to be eligible for appointment to the PGY-3 year. In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions can be made by the Program Director.
2. Passing USMLE Step III scores must be uploaded to MedHub by the January 1st deadline for GME Office verification. Trainees who have taken Step III but have not received their scores by January 1st must notify the GME Office of the date they expect to receive the results.
3. Trainees who fail to complete the Step III examination within the required time period may be ineligible for promotion or graduation from the training program. Program Directors have the option to allow, under extraordinary circumstances, Trainees to continue on to their PGY-3 without a passing score on USMLE Step III.
4. Trainees are required to notify Program Directors if they have taken and failed Step III for the second time. Program Directors are required to notify the GME Office when this occurs, and the Program Director should be prepared to discuss the plan that has been developed to assist the Trainee in meeting the USMLE requirement.
5. All Trainees newly entering a CH training program at the PGY-3 level and higher and any who has not had prior training in an ACGME-accredited program must have a passing score on USMLE Step III to be eligible for appointment to the program.

V. **APPROVAL**
Approved by:

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DIO/Vice Chair, Medical Education

9/9/2020

Date

VI. **REVIEW OR REVISION DATE**
Approved by the GMEC: September 9, 2020