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## USMLE STEP III POLICY

### **Policy Statement**

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This policy is designed to ensure that graduates of all George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences ACGME accredited training programs are capable of competent, independent practice in their respective specialties and qualified to obtain a full, unrestricted medical license.

### **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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This policy applies to all residents and fellows who participate in an ACGME-accredited post graduate medical education (GME) training program sponsored by the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS).

### **Policy Contact**

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Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, DIO

### **Who Approved This Policy**

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Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)

### **History/Revision Dates**

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Effective Date: July 1, 2007  
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## Policy

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1. All residents must take and pass USMLE Step III by January 30<sup>th</sup> of the PGY 2 year to be eligible for appointment to the PGY 3 year.
2. USMLE Step III scores must be uploaded to MedHub by the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Residents who have taken Step III but have not received their scores by January 30<sup>th</sup> must notify the GME Office of the date they expect to receive the results.
3. Residents who fail to complete the Step III examination within the required time period may be dismissed from the training program. Program directors have the option to allow individuals to continue on to the PGY 3 level once a passing score on USMLE Step III is achieved.
4. Program Directors are required to notify the GME Office when a resident has taken and failed Step III for the second time. The Program Director should be prepared to discuss the plan that has been developed to assist the resident in meeting the requirement.
5. All residents entering a program at the PGY 3 level and higher and any fellow entering a fellowship 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.