

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Policy

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Overview

To foster an environment of safe, quality healthcare, the Faculty of Medicine (FoM) and Eastern Health are committed to ensuring Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training is available to residents. ACLS training is of particular importance to residents who direct or participate in the management of cardiopulmonary arrest and other cardiovascular emergencies. ACLS certification is valid for two (2) years.

Purpose

To identify the residents requiring ACLS training and recertification.

Scope

All residency programs at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN). This policy does not apply to residents who are Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (FRCPC) certified.

Policy

- 1.0** Incoming first year residents (except Pediatric residents) are required to be certified in ACLS prior to the commencement of their residency training.
 - 1.1** Pediatric residents are required to be certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for the entirety of their residency program.

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- 2.0** To be eligible to complete ACLS training, an individual must be certified in Basic Life Support (BLS), completed within the past **twelve (12) months**.
- 3.0** Continued certification in ACLS is mandatory for residents completing rotations or electives in the following Programs/departments:
 - 3.1** Anesthesia;
 - 3.2** Emergency Medicine;
 - 3.3** General Surgery;
 - 3.4** Internal Medicine (including subspecialty General Internal Medicine until the resident is FRCPSC certified);
 - 3.5** Obstetrics & Gynecology; and,
 - 3.6** Intensive Care
- 4.0** It is the responsibility of the resident to ensure that they maintain their ACLS certification as required.
- 5.0** Residents who choose to moonlight in the Programs/departments listed in **Section 2.0** must be certified in ACLS.
- 6.0** Visiting residents completing rotations or electives in the Programs/departments listed in **Section 2.0** must be certified in ACLS.

Procedure

- A.0** First Year Residents
 - A.1.** A two-day ACLS course is available to incoming residents on a first come, first serve basis (limited number of seats available) prior to the start of their residency training.
 - A.2.** Proof of BLS and/or ACLS certification must be provided to the postgraduate medical education (PGME) office by the date indicated on the [PGME website](#).
- B.0** ACLS Recertification
 - B.1.** For those recertifying within two years, a one (1) day course is available.



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- C.0** Residents are responsible for contacting the Eastern Health ACLS Coordinator to register for ACLS courses.

- D.0** Residents may complete external ACLS courses, subject to the approval of the ACLS coordinator and/or Medical Director.