

USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 POLICY

All PGY 1 residents must take USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 before the end of the PGY1 year. Residents who fail to meet this requirement may not be permitted to participate in the training program beyond the end date of their PGY 1 year contract. The program director, in consultation with the GME Office, will determine the status of the resident with regards to the training program. Possible outcomes include but are not limited to a required unpaid personal leave (benefits continued) of no longer than 3 months duration during which time the resident must take USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 or non-renewal of contract.

If a resident enters a University of Connecticut School of Medicine residency program as a PGY 2 and has not taken and passed USMLE 3/COMLEX 3, the resident must take USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 within the first 6 months of the PGY 2 year. The resident must pass USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 by the end of the PGY2 year.

Successful completion of USMLE 3/COMLEX 3 is a requirement to be promoted or appointed to the PGY 3 or above training level. Residents who fail to meet this requirement will not be permitted to participate in the training program beyond the end date of their PGY 2 year contract. The program director, in consultation with the GME Office, will determine the status of the resident with regards to the training program. Possible outcomes include but are not limited to a required unpaid personal leave (benefits continued) of no longer than 3 months duration during which time the resident achieves a passing score or non-renewal of contract.

Residents seeking to enter a University of Connecticut School of Medicine residency program as a PGY 3 or higher must have taken and passed USMLE 3/COMLEX 3. Fellows seeking to enter a University of Connecticut School of Medicine fellowship program must have taken and passed USMLE 3/COMLEX 3. Fellows who fail to meet this requirement will not be permitted to participate in the training program. The program director, in consultation with the GME Office will determine the status of the fellow with regards to the training program. Possible outcomes include but are not limited to delay of the fellow's start date until a passing score is provided or cancellation of the fellow's appointment to the training program in consultation with the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).

Taking any leave (especially when multiple leaves or absences occur in the same contract year) may extend the time necessary to complete the program requirements for graduation as well as for Board eligibility (see Contract Extension Due to Leave Guidelines Policy). Residents/Fellows are responsible for understanding their Residency Review Committee/Program requirements for program completion as well as their Board requirements regarding Board eligibility, specifically as it relates to time away from their program.

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