VIII. Policy on USMLE and ABSITE

A. All incoming residents must successfully complete Step 1 and Step 2 of the USMLE before starting the residency-training program.

B. USMLE Step 3 must be taken during the PGY 1 year.

C. USMLE Step 3 must be successfully taken and passed before the completion of the PGY 2 year to be eligible for advancement. (House Staff Policies and Procedures, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, III, A, 1-5, page 6)

A. Licensure is the personal and financial responsibility of each resident. The TTUHSC requirement for passing the licensure exam is as follows:

1. Prior to acceptance of a residency applicant, the Program Director shall verify that the applicant has passed USMLE/COMLEX, Step 1 within the number of attempts required for Texas licensure.

2. By March 1 of the PGYII year, a resident shall be required to provide in writing to the Program Director and to the GME Office verification of passing Steps 2 and 3 of USMLE/COMLEX within the number of attempts required for Texas licensure.

3. If a resident does not complete Steps 2 and 3 by March 1 in accordance with the above timeframe, a new agreement will NOT be offered to the resident. However, the resident will be required to fulfill the terms of his/her current agreement.

4. If a resident passes Step 2 and/or 3 of USMLE/COMLEX subsequent to March 1 of the PGY II year, but prior to June 30 of that year, a new agreement may be offered at the discretion of the Program Director, and if the program has not already filled the position.

5. A resident who is not offered a new agreement for continued training may appeal the decision in accordance with the dismissal and appeal procedures outlined in the Housestaff Policies and Procedures Manual.

D. Every resident of the program (categorical or preliminary) must take the ABSITE exam every year.