Office of Graduate Medical Education
University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine

Institutional Policy

USMLE- Step 3 and Medical Licensure

1. The Medical Board of California requires that US graduates be licensed before starting the third year of residency and international medical graduate (IMGs) before starting the 4th year of residency training.

2. The residents can take the USMLE-3 examination any time after passing the USMLE-2 examination. It is necessary to pass the USMLE-3 examination before being licensed.

3. In order to ensure that all residents are treated the same and licensed in a timely fashion, the UCR SOM requires that all its residents take the USMLE – Step 3 examination within 12 months of the start of the residency and pass it within 6 months of the start of their second year of residency training.

4. The Program Director may request an exception to this policy from the DIO under extenuating circumstances.

This policy was approved by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) on 8/6/2014

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