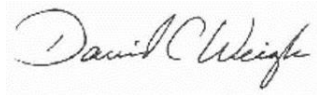


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**STATEMENT AND SCOPE OF POLICY:** All physicians should be competent to assist a patient in need of resuscitation.

**POLICY:** All residents/fellows entering any graduate medical education program sponsored by UT Southwestern must obtain American Heart Association or Red Cross Basic Life Support (BLS) certification or appropriate higher level certification (as determined by the training program, *e.g.*, Pediatric Advanced Life Support) prior to or within 30 days of beginning training at UT Southwestern or its affiliated training sites and must maintain certification throughout the entirety of their training. Individual programs may have additional life support certification requirements.

Certain clinical specialties at specific training sites may require further training (e.g., ACLS, etc.). Any such requirements must be clearly communicated to the resident and the resident's Program Director in a manner that reasonably allows for compliance. When required, such training must be obtained prior to or during the resident's initial rotation in the specialty area and must be maintained during any subsequent rotation in that specialty area.

All residents must maintain required certification(s). Residents who fail to achieve recertification within 30 days following expiration may be subject to corrective action. Following completion of a recertification course, the resident must provide evidence of current certification to the resident's program. Programs are required to upload life support certification information and documentation about each of their trainees to the Residency Management System (MedHub).