IOWA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL TRACK-DES MOINES
UNITYPOINT HEALTH-CENTRAL IOWA FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY

Policy: Passing Part 3 of the Boards

All residents are encouraged to take part 3 of the medical examination boards in the second half of the R1 year. This allows for early application for a permanent medical license and opens doors for more independent clinical activity. Board passage rates are also higher when the test is taken in this timeframe.

All residents are required to have passed part 3 of the medical examination boards by the end of the R2 year. Residents unable to accomplish this will be referred to progress committee and will develop an action plan agreed upon by the committee to accomplish passing the boards.

No resident will be proposed for graduation until part 3 of the boards have been passed.

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