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

Policy: Licensure

According to Iowa law, any physician who is a graduate of a medical school and will be serving as a resident physician shall be required to obtain from the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners a resident license. This license is designated as a "Resident Physician License," and it authorizes the licensee to serve as a "Resident Physician" and to serve only under the supervision of a licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery (in this case, the Iowa Lutheran Hospital Medical Staff) or in other institutions that have been approved for this purpose by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners. This license is valid for the duration of residency. Second-year residents may obtain a permanent Iowa License as soon as they are eligible, and residents are responsible for timely renewal of licenses and certificates. The resident would be responsible to pay for the permanent Iowa License. Residents who are graduates of international medical schools are required by the IBME to retain a resident's license for two years before becoming eligible to obtain permanent licensure.

The members of the resident house staff are subject to the Medical Staff bylaws as adopted and amended by the Medical Staff and the Board of Directors of this hospital.

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