Our intent for the FES testing requirement is to have all categorical residents tested by the end of their 3rd year. Residents are strongly encouraged to test during their PD years; testing must be done prior to the endoscopy rotation and done no later than their 3rd year of training.

The GSEC has built in testing times for residents. The proctors will offer available dates and times to residents and they will be first come, first serve. If a resident does not select a date and time, the proctors will assign one.

Residents must make their appointments, and we cannot tolerate any schedule changes. We recognize the multiple commitments that the residents have but because of the extensive resources required for FLS and FES programs and because these tests are high stakes exams required for ABS certification, we will be insistent on the residents making these appointments. The only exception is if you have to miss work for a personal or family emergency. A scheduled case in the OR or a busy clinic is not a reason to miss your exam. If an emergency occurs, Anita Hagan must be contacted.

The residency program pays for the initial testing voucher ($295). If a resident fails the exam, they are responsible for paying for the cost of a retake voucher ($125). Passing FES is a requirement in order to advance to the PGY4 year. If a resident fails their first attempt, they must schedule a practice session with Drs. Lau or Korndorffer prior to taking their retake exam.