This policy applies to:  
The General Surgery Training Program

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Name of Policy:  
FLS Testing

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Our intent for the FLS testing requirement is to have all PGY-3s and above tested by the end of the calendar year (December 31).

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.

The residency program pays for the initial testing voucher ($525). If a resident fails the exam, they are responsible for paying for the cost of a retake voucher ($125). Passing FLS 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.