USMLE STEP-3 EXAMINATION

All interns MUST take USMLE Step-3 by the end of their first year (within 12 months). Let the chiefs know of any problems and your planned test date.

1. Decide which month you will take Step-3 ... must be taken during a non-ward/ICU month!
2. Begin application 4-8 weeks prior to that month; have 90 days after applying to take the test.
3. Go to www.fsmb.org and click on Licensure Examinations. This website leads you through the application process. Basically there are three parts to the application:
   a. Sign up for the exam on www.fsmb.org – $730
   b. Request USMLE transcripts be sent to LSBME – $50
   c. Send check to LSBME for processing – $100

The above three things should basically be done at the same time because in the end one cannot be done without the other; it is not a sequential process. So in total you need $880.

FCVS / LICENSURE

The state licensing process (LSBME) and USMLE Step-3 (FSBM) are linked via FCVS. In order to get your state license in our state and many others, you must create an FCVS profile which stands for Federation Credentials Verification Service. This profile is accepted by 61 medical and osteopathic boards and required by 11 (including Louisiana). The base fee is $295. You will be asked at the end of registering for Step-3 if you want to set up an account, and if you plan on getting your permanent physician license after your intern year it is a good idea to do so. You must also pay a fee ($282 in past years) to the LSBME. Your best guide through this entire process, including scheduling Step-3, is your LSBME representative.

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