YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY

FAILURE OF USMLE STEP I, STEP II CK AND STEP II CS

Any failure of Step I, Step II CK or Step II CS will be brought to the attention of the Progress Committee and the student’s academic advisor. In general, a student in good standing will be allowed three attempts to take and pass each of these examinations. The timing of the repeat exams should be determined in consultation with the academic advisor. If a student fails an exam three times, the Progress Committee will review the student’s overall academic progress. Under extraordinary circumstances the Progress Committee may permit a fourth attempt, but barring that permission, the student will be dismissed from the medical school.

If a student who fails one of these exams is also experiencing other academic difficulties, including issues related to unprofessional behavior or failure to progress through the clinical clerkships, or is already on academic probation, the Progress Committee will review the student’s overall academic progress. The Progress Committee will then determine how many times and under what circumstances that individual may be permitted to repeat these exams, which may be fewer than three times.