National P@LST Paradigm

Dear Friends,

A big thank you to all the POLST Programs that participated in National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). I was impressed by amount of participation and the wide array of activities! For example:

- Louisiana's LaPOST advertised NHDD on TV
- The Coalition for Compassionate Care of California initiated a white board campaign promoting Advance Care Planning
- New York's MOLST program offered seminars and a hosted a Project Independence and You Radio Show,
- West Virginia printed newspaper ads;
- The Missouri-based Center for Practical Bioethics dedicated a special webpage to NHDD featuring a short video about advance care planning;
- Arizona planned a **Death Over Dinner** party.

Incidentally, in case you haven't heard of it, the **Death Over Dinner** concept was featured in *The Atlantic* - notably, in the April 16th issue.

Special thanks to the Georgia POLST Collaborative for inviting both Alvin "Woody" Moss and me to participate in their 2016 Annual Georgia POLST Conference.

Last but not least, congratulations to the California POLST Program, coordinated by the Coaltion for Compassionate Care of California, for becoming the 3rd POLST Paradigm Program to achieve Mature status.

We always love to hear what is going on in your local program, and we especially want you to know that, as your POLST Leaders, we are here for you! Let us know how we can help support your efforts in developing POLST Paradigm Programs.

Take care.

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Doctors fail to talk about end of life

Results were recently released from a poll supported by the John A. Hartford Foundation, Cambia Health Foundation, and the California HealthCare Foundation...

More about Poll

ReachMD

Podcasts you shouldn't miss

The National Academy of Medicine Health and Medicine Division (formerly the Institute of Medicine)'s report, *Dying in America*, now has a series of 5 podcasts on ReachMD.

More info



You can't get what you want

An opinion piece published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine discusses roadblocks in end-oflife care conversations held with patient families

Read full story

National POLST Paradigm News in Brief

Congratulations, California POLST Program, for achieving Mature status! The National POLST Paradigm Task Force is proud to recognize California as the third state with a Mature POLST Paradigm Program. Learn about POLST Program statuses or View the Press Release.

Don't miss New York's eMOLST Registry Webinar, May 25, 2016, featuring Pat Bomba, MD, FACP, and Katie Orem, MPH, who will discuss MOLST, New York's POLST Paradigm Program, and eMOLST registry. Read more or Register now (free!).

Call for Applications! Become a Practice Change Leader for Aging and Health, like <u>Judy Thomas</u>, a 2016 Practice Change Leader. This is a national program to "develop, support and expand the influence of leaders committed to achieving transformative improvements in care for older adults." Read more about the program or View the Call for Applications (PDF).

POLST in *Hard Choices for Loving People*, **6th ed.** POLST is now included in this new edition of a book (3.5 million copies in print in previous editions) that is widely used to educate health care professionals and the public about end-of-life decisions. Read more.

Wyoming's WyoPOLST signed into law, became effective 4/12/16. The Wyoming Department of Health filed the rules for WyoPOLST with the Secretary of State's office on April 12, 2016. See WyoPOLST video or Read about WyoPOLST.

Oregon POLST Registry (OPR) 2015 Annual Report released in March. Over 55,000 POLST forms were received by the Oregon POLST Registry in 2015, and the Registry has now collected and maintained these orders for over 200,000 Oregonians. Download the OPR 2015 Annual Report or Access all OPR Reports.

California seeking community sites and vendors for POLST eRegistry Pilot. The California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) is in the active process of identifying a technology vendor and pilot sites for the POLST eRegistry pilot. <u>Learn More</u>.













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