

National POLST Paradigm

Featured News



The National POLST Paradigm Office has moved!

On January 20, 2017, the National POLST Paradigm Office officially left the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Center for Ethics in Health Care, which has served as its administrative home since 2004. Emails and web address are unchanged, but we have new phone numbers! Our general line is now (202) 780-8352. We hope to serve you even better as we continue to grow. Thank you to Susan Tolle, the OHSU Center for Ethics, OHSU, and the Oregon POLST

Program for their support over the last 13 years. [View online.](#)

Featured Resource



Learn about Payment in Palliative Care: CAPC Payment Primer and Glossary available.

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) has produced two PDF booklets to help those "wondering how payment works and what are the opportunities to improve payment for palliative care services. This is an important piece in CAPC's strategy to educate and equip both providers and payers in partnering for high-value serious illness care." [Download the CAPC Payment Primer](#) (PDF).

[Download the Payment Glossary](#) (PDF).

Featured Research



Two POLST articles in *The American Journal of Bioethics*

Two articles published online edition of the February issue of *The American Journal of Bioethics* both feature POLST: ' "Erring on the Side of Life" Is Sometimes an Error: Physicians Have the Primary Responsibility to Correct This,' by Arthur Derse, and 'Controlling the Misuse of CPR Through POLST and Certified Patient Decision Aids,' by Thaddeus Pope. [Read more.](#)

National POLST Paradigm News in Brief

Find the National POLST Paradigm at SWHPN, AAHPM, and ASA Aging in America conferences. The National POLST Paradigm will be attending the Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network General Assembly, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Assembly, and the American Society on Aging Aging in America Conference. Please come and attend our presentations. We'd love to meet with you too! [More info.](#)

Volunteer and receive discounted registration at ASA Aging in America conference. For those who would like to attend Aging in America but may not be able to afford the registration fee: [Volunteers who work one day of the conference can register at 50% off the regular fees](#) and experience the other four days as they wish. About 50 more volunteers are still needed to help during the conference dates of March 20-24 in Chicago. In addition, full-time student members who volunteer for a day can attend the conference without paying a fee. [More about the Student Volunteer Program.](#) (These offers won't apply retroactively to those who are already registered and conference presenters are not eligible.)

National POLST Paradigm recommends APRNs/NPs and PAs as POLST signers. On December 15, 2016, the National POLST Paradigm Task Force approved the following statement, "The National POLST Paradigm Task Force (NPPTF) recommends that physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants be permitted to participate in the POLST Paradigm process and sign POLST Paradigm Forms. The NPPTF strongly encourages training of all clinicians who complete POLST Paradigm Forms." [Download this statement \(PDF\)](#). [View all NPPTF Policies](#).

Virginia POST receives grant funding. Virginia's Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) Program received a Geriatric Training and Education (GTE) grant December 15, 2016 from the Virginia Center on Aging, under the auspices of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The funding was directed to Capital Caring, the Virginia POST Collaborative's Administrative Home, to provide Facilitator Training courses throughout the Commonwealth. [More about VA POST](#).

Apply for the Leadership for Better Health programs. Dedicated to building a Culture of Health, "increasing equity and combating the effects of racism and poverty"? Consider applying to the the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's leadership development programs. [Learn more](#).

Apply for the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program,"a unique opportunity for professionals in health and aging to receive the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans. [Program info](#). [Application instructions](#).

Virginia Durable Do Not Resuscitate (DDNR) Order regulations amended. Virginia's Administrative Code was amended in November 2016 in order to clarify the Virginia Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST)'s acceptance as a DDNR Order. In reference to section A of the POST form, the regulation (12VAC5-66-10) now states "**Durable DNR Order shall also include a physician order for scope of treatment (POST) form. Durable DNR orders including POST forms shall be completed and signed by a licensed practitioner and signed by the patient or patient's authorized representative.**" [View updated definitions online](#).

