

National POLST Paradigm

Forum Topic of the Month

Stay updated on our National POLST Form project and provide feedback!
[Learn more, discuss, and check out the latest about it.](#)

About the Forum: The National POLST Forum is a great way to discuss any POLST topic anytime with colleagues locally or across the nation. It is a closed online discussion board for POLST advocates and health care professionals participating in their state POLST Program (it is **not** a patient or caregiver forum). To request access, please email us at info@polst.org, giving us your full name, title/organization and state in which you practice.

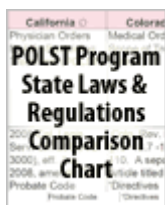


Featured Blog



HealthAffairs: "POLST, like any health care innovation, must be used appropriately to be effective." Having patients complete a POLST form isn't the goal; doing the POLST process correctly for the appropriate patient population is. Likewise, the numbers of POLST forms being completed in your practice or facility is not an indication of quality. [Read the Health Affairs blog](#). RELATED: review the National POLST Paradigm's [Appropriate Use Policy](#) (PDF).

Featured Resource



New large single-page format for our State Laws & Regulations Grid!

Previously this very large chart was made [available as a multiple-page PDF](#). It is still available this way for those who prefer this format and/or want to use it to print a hard copy. Now it is also available as a single-sheet PDF for those who have the ability to view it on a large screen and/or would prefer to zoom and pan a single page via a monitor. [View the single sheet PDF](#). Recommendation: download PDF and view in Acrobat Reader for ease of viewing by zooming/panning. Both formats are available on our [Map page](#).

Featured Publication



Advance Care Planning and POLST: Promise and Pitfalls by Karl Steinberg, MD

Karl Steinberg, MD and National POLST leader, notes in his article published in *San Francisco Marin Medicine* (the Journal of the San Francisco Marin Medical Society) that reimbursing providers for Advance Care Planning conversations is a good thing, but it should not be blindly extended to include the completion of a POLST form, "While anyone can legally complete a POLST... there are good reasons for the recommended limits on POLST to the seriously ill." [View PDF version](#) of this article. View the [magazine issue](#).

National POLST Paradigm News in Brief

POLST News

The National POLST Technology Consensus Project has started its webinar series! All are welcome to register for these short (~30-minute) webinars, intended to give you background information on POLST Technologies. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions to make the presentation more interactive and address individual interests. [Read more about the Tech Consensus Project](#).

Louisiana announces LaPOST Electronic Registry is coming. [Vynca](#) and the [Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum](#) have established a collaboration to help honor end-of-life wishes for residents in Louisiana. The result will be statewide electronic registry that houses LaPOST (Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment) forms. [View the press release](#). [Learn more about LaPOST](#).

The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) featured the National POLST Paradigm in their Member Spotlight in July 2018! We would like to express our appreciation for C-TAC's support. [View online.](#)

Webinars, Conferences:

Review the ePOLST and Advance Care Planning Registry Webinar which also discusses the Medcordance advance care planning platform. To receive a link to the webinar by email: visit <http://health-e-medrecord.com/contact.php>, provide your name and email address, and type WEBINAR in the message section. Presented by Carlos Reyes of Health-e-Medrecord.

Register for the Respecting Choices® National Share the Experience (NSTE) 2018 conference on October 23 through 26, 2018. The purpose of NSTE is to share best practices and lessons learned from evidence-based Respecting Choices programs that combine complementary advance care planning and shared decision-making programs. [Learn more.](#) [View Brochure.](#) [Register now.](#)

Register for the C-TAC National Summit on Advanced Illness Care conference on October 9 through 11, in Denver, Colorado. Every year, the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) hosts the National Summit, which brings together hundreds of healthcare leaders, policy makers, consumer advocates, academics and others in the movement towards comprehensive, value- and patient-focused care for people with advanced illness. [Learn more.](#) [View Agenda.](#) [Register now.](#)

Publications about POLST and End of Life:

JAMA study: Fewer people dying in hospitals, stressful end-of-life transitions reduced. Study finds place of death shifted as Affordable Care Act discussed, enacted. [View online \(limited access\).](#)

Stanford study about EOL conversations. Published in *JAMA Oncology*, a study suggests that patients with serious illness are more at ease with decisions about their care when they discuss their care preferences with someone outside the medical context. [View the article online](#) (limited access). [National POLST Paradigm policy](#) recommends that qualified health care professionals who are specifically trained in this role be involved in the POLST conversations.

