National POLST Paradigm

Forum Topic of the Month

Have you heard.... AMA Recognizes POLST—CAUTION!

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 Webinar

Register for the EHR-POLST Integration Webinar, September 27
Please join us for our next POLST Technology Consensus Project Webinar: September 27, "Electronic Health Record and POLST Integration" which will be presented by Allen Abshire, Director of Health IT Operations at the Louisiana Health Care Forum, and Ryan Van Wert, MD, of Vynca, Inc. The POLST Tech Consensus Project is a National POLST Paradigm project that aims to discover and describe the current status and best practices for POLST-related technologies. Register now.

Featured Resource

C-TAC 2018 National Summit on Advanced Illness Care, Denver, October 9-11.
Every year, the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) hosts the National Summit on Advanced Illness Care, 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 and register.

Featured Publication

“Advance Care Planning: Advance Directives and Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment”
An article by Judy Thomas, JD; Amy Vandenbroucke, JD; and Kelley Quayle, BA, was published in Physician Assistant Clinics. Thomas et al. present an overview of Advance Care Planning (ACP), and explain how ACP forms such as Advance Directives and POLST are one element of the ACP process, which is conversation-based, appropriate for all adults, and has the purpose of directing future medical care. View the article online (FREE open access for through Oct 28).

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.

Arizona's POLST Paradigm Program updates its name, form, and more. Formerly AzMOST, on August 17, 2018, the Arizona POLST Paradigm Program adopted a new name, AzPOLST (Arizona Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), and also updated its POLST form. Visit their new website to learn more, or see
the National POLST map to view updated contact information including social media (for any state, just click on the state), and the National POLST Resource Library for all state POLST Paradigm forms.

Webinars, Conferences:
Review the ePOLST and Advance Care Planning Registry Webinar by Health-e-MedRecord, which discusses the Medcordance advance care planning platform. To receive a link to the webinar, email HEMR at info@health-e-medrecord.com. Please provide your name and email address, and type WEBINAR in the subject line. For more information visit, www.health-e-medrecord.com. Presented by Carlo Reyes, MD, JD, 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 (ACP) and shared decision-making (SDM) programs. Learn more. View Brochure. Register now.