

# National POLST Paradigm

## National POLST Paradigm Announces Change in Relationship with Oregon POLST Coalition

**May 1, 2018** – In response to inquiries, the National POLST Paradigm announces that the Oregon POLST Coalition withdrew from the National POLST Paradigm, effective November 1, 2017. The two groups separated due to a philosophical difference in how to approach industry funding in the National POLST Paradigm’s [conflict of interest policy](#). More information about the COI policy is available [here](#).

The impact of the change is that the Oregon POLST Coalition will no longer participate in the national leadership. Additionally, while the National POLST Paradigm will still represent, speak, and educate on behalf of the national POLST Paradigm movement, it will not represent the Oregon POLST Coalition.

The National POLST Paradigm recognizes the significant contribution of the Oregon POLST Coalition to the development and dissemination of the POLST Paradigm.

We remain united in our mission of working to elicit, document and honor the treatment wishes of seriously ill or frail individuals.

### About the National POLST Paradigm

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The National POLST Paradigm is a voluntary approach to end-of-life planning that emphasizes eliciting, documenting and honoring the treatment preferences of seriously ill or frail individuals using a portable medical order called a POLST form. If a seriously ill or frail patient wants to use a POLST form, his/her health care professional will complete it after talking with the patient about his/her diagnosis, prognosis, treatment options, and goals of care. In the event of a medical emergency, when time is of the essence for medical decision-making, the POLST form serves as an immediately available and recognizable order set in a standardized format. Emergency personnel follow the POLST form medical orders to provide treatments the patient wanted during an emergency, potentially avoiding unwanted hospitalizations and emergency department visits. For more information, visit [www.polst.org](http://www.polst.org)

### Related Links

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[www.polst.org/coi-pdf](http://www.polst.org/coi-pdf)

[www.polst.org/coi-faqs](http://www.polst.org/coi-faqs)

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