



**Information Regarding POLST**

**PATIENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

The POLST form is:

- **Always voluntary and cannot be required**
- **A medical order for people with a serious illness or frailty**
- An expression of wishes for emergency treatment in one's current state of health (if something happened today)
- A form that can be changed at any time, with a health care professional, to reflect new treatment wishes
- **NOT an advance directive**, which is ALSO recommended (an advance directive is the appropriate legal document to appoint a surrogate/health care decision maker)

**Contact Information (Optional)**

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	Phone Number:
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**Health Care Professional Information**

Preparer Name:	Preparer Title:	Phone Number:	Date Prepared:
PA's Supervising Physician:		Phone Number:	
Primary Care Professional:			

**Directions for Health Care Professionals**

**Completing Oregon POLST™**

- Discussion and attestation should be accompanied by a note in the medical record.
- Any section not completed implies full treatment for that section.
- An order of CPR in Section A is incompatible with an order for Comfort Measures Only in Section B (will not be accepted in Registry).
- Photocopies, faxes, and electronically-signed forms are legal and valid.
- Verbal / phone orders from MD/DO/NP/PA/ND in accordance with facility/community policy can be submitted to the Registry.
- For information on determining the legal decision maker(s) for incapacitated patients, refer to ORS 127.505 - 127.660.
- A person with developmental disabilities or significant mental health condition requires additional consideration before completing the POLST form; refer to *Guidance for Health Care Professionals* at [www.oregonpolst.org](http://www.oregonpolst.org).

**Oregon POLST Registry Information**

<p><b>Health Care Professionals:</b></p> <p>(1) Send a copy of <u>both</u> sides of this POLST form to the Oregon POLST Registry unless the patient opts out.</p> <p>(2) The following must be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient's full name</li> <li>• Date of birth</li> <li>• MD / DO / NP / PA / ND signature</li> <li>• Date signed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Registry Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Toll Free: 1-877-367-7657                  Fax or eFAX: 503-418-2161  <a href="http://www.orpolstregistry.org">www.orpolstregistry.org</a>  <a href="mailto:polstreg@ohsu.edu">polstreg@ohsu.edu</a></p> <p>Oregon POLST Registry                  3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd.                  Mail Code: BTE 234                  Portland, OR 97239</p>	<p><b>Patients:</b></p> <p>If address is listed on front page, mailed confirmation packets from Registry may take four weeks for delivery.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>MAY PUT REGISTRY ID STICKER HERE:</b></p> </div>
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**Updating POLST: A POLST Form only needs to be revised if patient treatment preferences have changed.**

This POLST should be reviewed periodically, including when:

- The patient is transferred from one care setting or care level to another (including upon admission or at discharge), or
- There is a substantial change in the patient's health status.

If patient wishes haven't changed, the POLST Form does not need to be revised, updated, rewritten or resent to the Registry.

**Voiding POLST: A copy of the voided POLST must be sent to the Registry unless patient has opted-out.**

- A person with capacity, or the valid surrogate of a person without capacity, can void the form and request alternative treatment.
- For paper forms, draw line through sections A through E and write "VOID" in large letters if POLST is replaced or becomes invalid.
- If included in an electronic medical record, follow your systems ePOLST voiding procedures.
- Regardless of paper or ePOLST form, send a copy of the voided form to the POLST Registry (required unless patient has opted out).

For permission to use the copyrighted form contact the OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care at [polst@ohsu.edu](mailto:polst@ohsu.edu) or (503) 494-3965. Information on the Oregon POLST Program is available online at [www.oregonpolst.org](http://www.oregonpolst.org) or at [polst@ohsu.edu](mailto:polst@ohsu.edu).

**SEND FORM WITH PATIENT WHENEVER TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED, SUBMIT COPY TO REGISTRY**

\*Also known as Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment