

National POLST Paradigm

Forum Topic of the Month

POLST for patients receiving Department of Mental Health services.

[Read more and join the dialogue.](#)

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 News



States are starting to adopt the National POLST Form.

Congratulations to Arizona for being the first state to adopt the National POLST form. We are excited that several other states are considering adopting it as well: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Utah. Questions? There are many ways to learn more! Check out our many resources about the new form: [web page](#), [guide for professionals](#) (a 38-page PDF), [forum thread](#), [reach out to Amy](#), or [sign up for our webinar](#).

Webinar: Learn more about the National POLST form! On Thursday, November 21, Amy Vandenbroucke will present "National POLST Form: Materials, Questions, Answers and Next Steps." [Register now.](#)

Featured Resource



The National POLST map was updated in October.

The new [National POLST map](#) aligns with our emphasis on collaboration. Currently 43 programs (44 states—Kansas and Missouri are one program) that participate in National POLST are labeled as active or endorsed. The label of unaffiliated reflects that the program currently does not participate in national governance; it does not reflect programmatic elements. National POLST invites all POLST Programs to participate. If your program is unaffiliated but wants to participate, please [contact Amy](#).

Featured Publication



California's POLST Electronic Registry Pilot: Lessons for all states.

California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) recently published *California's POLST Electronic Registry Pilot: Lessons for all states*. The report describes the outcomes of and lessons learned from California pilot, providing insights and considerations for healthcare providers and other entities interested in pursuing POLST registries. [Learn more](#) or [download now](#).

Thank you to CHCF for supporting the [National POLST Tech Consensus project](#) and incorporating the lessons learned into our white paper (coming in 2020).

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National POLST presenting at conferences in 2020

(1) [American Health Lawyers Association's Long Term Care & the Law](#) (March 2-4, 2020). Karl Steinberg and Amy Vandenbroucke will present "Avoiding the Deadly POLST Sins." on March 4, 9:40-10:40 am. (Thank you, Charlie Sabatino, for such a catchy title—it has been helpful with many conferences! Read Charlie's

original *ABA Bifocal* article, "[POLST: Avoid the Seven Deadly Sins.](#)")

(2) [AMDA Annual Conference](#) (April 2-5, 2020). Kevin Henning and Amy Vandenbroucke will present "Conversations: The Cornerstone of the POLST Paradigm and all Advance Care Planning" on April 4 at 4-5:30 pm.

***The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing* published "The Pearls of POLST: Translating Patient Decisions into Treatment Orders,"** an overview article about the POLST Paradigm from the perspective of nurses, by Nancy Joyner. [View article.](#)

Podcast features Amy Vandenbroucke and National POLST. Kimberly Paul, of *Death by Design*, interviews the Executive Director of National POLST, yielding engaging insight into POLST across the U.S. [Please listen](#) and pay special attention for an opportunity to help National POLST.

Federal Legislation

U.S. House Passes Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act. National POLST and many other nonprofits have advocated for PCHETA for many years. This act would promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, as well as increase the number of permanent palliative care faculty in accredited medical schools, nursing schools and social work schools. The bill would also implement a public awareness and engagement campaign for individuals and providers, focused on educating stakeholders on the benefits of palliative care and hospice. [View our letters of advocacy.](#)

Continuing Education

The Center to Advance Palliative Care is offering two free online courses to all clinicians: *An In-Depth Look At Palliative Care And Its Services* and *Supporting the Caregivers of People Living with Dementia.* [Learn more.](#)

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