

National POLST

Forum Topic of the Month

Help Health Care Surrogates Appreciate Their Role:

Do you have a good resource to share that focuses on helping surrogates appreciate their role as a decision maker *for the patient*? Please help us collect resources! [Comment on this topic.](#)

About the Forum: This is not a patient or caregiver forum. The National POLST Forum is a closed online discussion board for POLST advocates and health care professionals participating in their state POLST Program (active programs only). To request access, email info@polst.org, giving us your full name, title/organization and state in which you practice.

Featured News



National POLST denounces racism

On July 6, National POLST released a formal statement condemning racism, encouraging equality and confirming our commitment to person-centered care. As part of our plan, we have started compiling anti-racism resources online. [View web page](#) or download [Statement Against Racial Injustice](#) (PDF).

Featured News



AMDA resolution supports National POLST Form

On July 2, National POLST and the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA) released a joint announcement that "[AMDA] formally endorses and publicly supports the adoption of a national POLST form in all states." [View resolution.](#) [View Press Release.](#) [View map of state adoption of the National POLST Form](#) (PDF).

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National POLST welcomes new Leaders!

Congratulations to the new Plenary Assembly Officer Mark Apfel (Secretary) and new Leadership Council Member Cindy Munn (Plenary Assembly Representative). Judy Black is now our inaugural PA Past Chair. National POLST's governance year is from July-June. Read about [National POLST governance and leadership.](#)

Featured Resource



Updated National POLST Logo Information and Organizational Chart

To help people understand how National POLST has evolved, we've published (1) a web page describing our logo and branding changes over time and (2) a new branding glossary document that describes our logo, logo program, and organizational chart.

[View logo web page](#) or download [branding glossary](#) (PDF).

News in Brief

New Maps

New Map for Adoption of the National POLST Form shows whether a state has adopted or is considering adopting the National POLST Form (we have not heard from all states). View [map PDF](#) or [go to map web page](#) with all National POLST maps.

New map shows in which states one is able to use POLST for minors, or pediatric populations. View [map PDF](#) or [go to map web page](#) with all National POLST maps. National POLST encourages all states to allow POLST to be used in pediatric populations: [POLST Intended Population and Guidance for Health Care Professionals](#).

State News

Congratulations to our newest endorsed state: Arizona! Arizona POLST has also made deliberate changes to become more aligned with National POLST: they are using "POLST" as a word rather than an acronym, and they were the first state to adopt the National POLST Form.

West Virginia has updated their POST form, brochures and guides to emphasize the voluntary nature of POLST. (In West Virginia, POLST is called POST.) West Virginia's endorsement was reaffirmed this year (endorsed programs are reviewed every 3 years). View the new documents in our [Resource Library](#).

New York State Physician Assistants can sign MOLST forms. As of June 17, PAs gained the authority to sign POLST forms. (POLST is called MOLST in New York.) [Learn more](#).

Kudos to Pennsylvania! The Pennsylvania POLST Program has been very active in promoting POLST, increasing outreach and engagement among health care professionals across multiple regions during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#).

Vynca and the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC), which provides a statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE), have partnered to make advance care planning documents digitally available to healthcare provider groups across the NMHIC network. [Learn more](#).

Webinars and Meetings

The Coalition to Transform Advance Care (C-TAC) National Summit on Advanced Illness Care will be held virtually this year, October 27 through 30. [Learn more](#).

The C-TAC National National Policy Forum was held online on June 24. C-TAC is allowing anyone to register to listen to the recorded sessions free of charge. [Read more](#) and [register to get access](#).

AMDA offers webinar on POLST, ACP and COVID-19: What LTC Facilities Should Be Doing and How. For \$99, learn what POLST is, where it fits within the advance care planning spectrum, how to use POLST in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and identify resources that are available to help. [Learn more](#).

