

National POLST

Forum Topic of the Month

Non-English Speaking Use of POLST

We would like to hear from others about the use of POLST for people for whom English is not their first language. [Please comment on this topic to share your experiences.](#)

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.

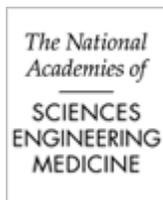
Featured News



New Hampshire POLST Program adopts National POLST Form

On August 4, 2020, the New Hampshire Healthcare Decisions Coalition, which coordinates the New Hampshire POLST program, approved the motion to formally adopt the National POLST Form, becoming the third state to do so. Learn more and view [Map of State Adoption of the National POLST Form](#). Learn more about the [National POLST Form](#) and why it was created.

Featured Resource



Register for NASEM workshops on Advance Care Planning

On October 26 and November 2, 2020, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine will host a 2-part public workshop that explores the current state of advance care planning and examines the role of effective communication across the lifespan about the care and treatment preferences of patients facing serious illness. [Learn more and register.](#)

Featured Research



Appropriate Use of POLST in the Outpatient Setting

Andrea E. Daddato, Megan Griff, Prajakta Shanbhag, Susan E. Hickman, and Hillary D. Lum examined POLST use in the outpatient setting in the UHealth system (Colorado) from July 2017 through March 2019. Using National POLST guidelines for determining appropriateness for POLST, they found 63 (70%) of 97 patients who were billed for advance care planning and subsequently completed a MOST to be appropriate for MOST (POLST is called MOST in Colorado). These patients were older, more medically complex and more like to have had a recent emergency or hospital admission. [View online](#) (limited access).

News in Brief

In Case You Missed It: New 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: see [POLST Intended Population and Guidance for Health Care Professionals](#).

Other Upcoming 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.](#)

Free Virtual Office Hours on Communications Coaching and more The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) continues to offer office hours during the COVID-19 pandemic. Free and open to all, many are focused on communications coaching, examining real case scenarios. Others deal with a broad range of topics such as resiliency, pediatric palliative care, telehealth, and moral distress in the time of COVID-19. [Learn more and register.](#)

Recorded Webinars and Meetings

Respecting Choices Virtual Advance Care Planning Webinar: Best Practice for Crisis and Beyond You're invited to watch this webinar recording to learn about what is different when preparing for, having, and following up after a "virtual" ACP conversation. A one-hour discussion among experienced program leaders, hosted by Respecting Choices. [Watch the webinar.](#)

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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.](#)

