

National POLST

Forum Topic of the Month

Reaction to 2021 Plenary Assembly

Thank you to all the state leaders, advisors and leaders who attended our 2021 Plenary Assembly (internal conference). If you have additional reactions or thoughts, please feel free to [share on our forum thread](#).

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



Making POLST Truly Portable

Amy Vandenbroucke wrote an [article](#) for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) about the value of a national POLST form. In it, she shares her experience and perspective about the challenges that multiple state forms create for patients and health care professionals. (You can learn more about the [National POLST Form](#) at our website.)

Featured Resource



Supporters and Resolutions

Thank you to all the organizations who support or have supported National POLST through resolutions and funding! You can view these at: <https://polst.org/supporters> and <https://polst.org/resolutions>. We also greatly appreciate all the states and individuals who support the work of National POLST. Please consider donating! Easily done at <https://polst.org/donate>.

Featured Research



Emergency simulations demonstrate frequent misinterpretations of POLST

Mirarchi et al tested clinicians' ability to correctly integrate POLST and Living Will information during live emergency room simulations where a patient loses their pulse and stops breathing. The decision to attempt CPR (or not) was considered appropriate if consistent with the patient's documentation. Whether the clinician made the appropriate decision depended on what kind of documentation (POLST, Living Will, neither) the patient had and what the POLST orders were. Clinicians struggled the most with POLST

DNR/CMO orders, providing resuscitation 73% of the time in a DNR/CMO scenario for a patient with an incurable cancer. [View article](#) (PubMed, limited access).

News in Brief

POLST webinars and conferences

Register for the next webinar (5 out of 5 in the POLST Technology series)! Focused on Electronic Health Records (EHRs), you will learn how to advocate for POLST inclusion in patient workflows within EHRs. [Register online](#) with Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, sponsor for this webinar series.

Watch webinar on POLST Registries (4 out of 5 in the POLST Technology series). On September 14, Abby Dotson and Keagen Brown discussed POLST Registries: considerations for states. Watch it to learn what it takes to create a registry; how POLST technological interoperability is affected by integrating POLST into HIEs and creation of a registry; and why is national registry is not being considered? View at our [webinars page](#).

C-TAC Conference is in November (Free)! Join your colleagues online for the 2021 Coalition to Transform

Advance Care National Summit on Advanced Illness Care: [Learn more and register now](#). Conference is virtual; November 9-10; pre-summit on November 8th.



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