

National POLST

Forum Topic of the Month

Don't Forget Civil Monetary Penalty Funds!

Find information and resources for CMP funds — think about ways to collaborate with National POLST or other states on [this 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 Request



Consider Donating to National POLST!

National POLST's main source of income, by far, is grants (about 94%), an indication of the worthiness of our mission and projects in the eyes of many foundations. However, grant awards are all short-term "soft money": when the project is completed, so is the funding. (View our [supporters](#).) We have no endowment or sustained source of funds. Every bit matters, makes a difference, and is much appreciated. Please consider donating if you feel our work is valuable: <http://polst.org/donate>

Featured Resource



Tech Webinar on EHRs: How to Advocate for POLST Inclusion in Patient Workflows

On October 12, Drs Matt Gonzales and Ryan Van Wert wrapped up our 5-part POLST Technology webinar series with a presentation on how POLST is integrated into Epic and Cerner systems and how to advocate for such integration if your system does not already do so. View it (and all others) at our [webinars](#) page. Learn more about [POLST Technology](#) and our [Tech Guide](#). Free CE available thanks to our sponsor and webinar host, [Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care](#), for all webinars in this series!

Featured Research



Simple Clinical Exercises Help Prepare Med Students for Advance Care Planning

This qualitative evaluation assessed two straightforward exercises required during internal medicine clerkship, in which students practice or observe a palliative care patient interaction. Thematic analysis found that many students developed a deep and nuanced understanding of advanced care planning conversations and decisions. This article includes quotes from students about their experiences that reference POLST. [View online](#) (limited access).

News in Brief

POLST webinars and conferences

Webinar (October 21): End of Life Planning - Best Practices in Using POLST. The latest about national and state POLST practices. Sponsored by The John A. Hartford Foundation, speakers include: Rani Snyder (The John A. Hartford Foundation); Amy Vandenbroucke (National POLST); Delegate Danielle Walker, West Virginia; Danielle Funk (West Virginia Center for End-of-Life Care); Cindy Munn (Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum). [Register online](#).

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.

