

POLST

Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment paradigm

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POLST: Doing It Right! Training Course – Registration Now



Interested individuals can now register for the first of this fall's POLST training course presentations. Information on the **October 29, 2019** presentation, to be held at the Jewish Healthcare Foundation's downtown Pittsburgh location, is found at the [link](#).

Discussion about goals of care with patients with serious illness is associated with better quality of life, reduced use of non-beneficial medical treatment and improved patient and family satisfaction. The course is designed to encourage health care professionals to facilitate these discussions and to improve the skill and comfort of professionals when doing so and to correctly complete a POLST form.

The course is also intended for those who provide education on Advance Care Planning and the POLST program. It provides 8.0 CME, CNE and Social Worker CEU credits. Plan on joining us for this highly rated training experience.

Reminder - Appropriate Use of POLST

National POLST supports reimbursement for quality advance care planning conversations, including POLST. However, incentives (financial or otherwise) for completing POLST forms that do not protect against violations of the fundamental tenets described in the "[Appropriate POLST Paradigm Form Use Policy](#)" such as the requirement that POLST form completion is always voluntary, are contrary to—and inconsistent with—the intent of the POLST Paradigm.

POLST Website



POLST is a process that helps patients to receive the medical treatment they want, and avoid the medical treatments they do not want, when they are seriously ill or frail.

Don't forget to check out the new POLST website at www.papolst.org. The same information continues to be available at

www.aging.pitt.edu/professionals/resources-polst.htm.

Thank you for your continuing support of POLST.

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