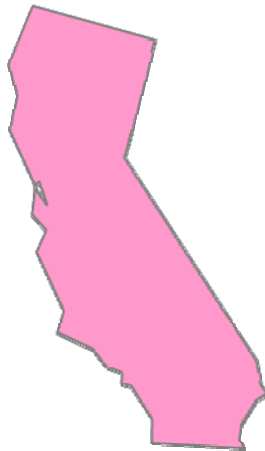


National POLST Paradigm Initiative Task Force Newsletter

NY and CA sign POLST Paradigm Programs into state law

August 4, 2008: California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed [AB 3000](#), ensuring that Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) would be honored by all health care professionals in California.

Through support from the California Healthcare Foundation (CHCF), the California Coalition for Compassionate developed recommendations on the best approach for addressing any barriers that exist, and convened and collaborated with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure thorough discussion and obtainment of stakeholder support.

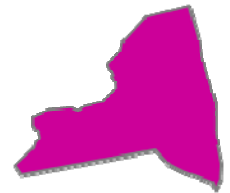


Financial support has previously been awarded to seven communities in California to establish POLST as community practice. Ten additional community grants are in review.

For more information about the California POLST program, please go to: www.finalchoices.org

July 8, 2008: New York Governor David Paterson signed Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) into New York state law.

Six key steps were employed in the development and implementation of the Initiative and projects like the MOLST Program:



1. Define Vision, Mission, Values
2. Employ results-oriented approach
3. Design effective, inclusive coalition membership
4. Create effective leadership
5. Demonstrate strong commitment to purpose
6. Monitor performance

In 2005, the Department of Health approved MOLST use for healthcare facilities across the state, and two pilot programs with EMS in Monroe and Onondaga counties.

The history of the development and statewide implementation of the MOLST Program in New York State, including background on the need for legislative advocacy, is highlighted in the [Program Description](#). For more information about the New York MOLST program, please go to: www.compassionandsupport.org.

Join the discussion!

**Thursday, October 23rd
8:00-9:00am Pacific Time**

The National POLST Paradigm Initiative Task Force will be hosting a national conference call [Thursday, October 23rd 8:00-9:00am Pacific time](#) to discuss your questions on development implementation and evaluation.

Email polst@ohsu.edu to let us know if you will be participating and what you'd like to discuss.

Preconference



"Translating Patient Wishes into Medical Orders: The POLST Paradigm"

AAHPM 2009 Annual Assembly
POLST Paradigm Preconference workshop
Wednesday March 25, 2009
1:00-5:00pm
Austin, Texas
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