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**National EMS Conference:
Precourse on POLST highlights the role of EMS
physicians in implementation**

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Naples, Florida**

EMS providers and emergency physicians are frequently asked to treat patients with serious, life-threatening illnesses. When the patient is near the end of life he or she may or may not want certain interventions. The Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) initiative allows patients to express their preferences for or against specific life sustaining treatments. The POLST paradigm is currently being successfully used in a number of states including the POLST programs of Oregon, Washington, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the POST program in West Virginia, and the MOLST program in New York.

The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) is hosting a 4 hour workshop on implementing a POLST Paradigm Program as a preconference workshop at their annual meeting January 10th in Naples, Florida. This workshop is designed for emergency and EMS providers who play a critical role in successful implementation in a community or region. The agenda includes an overview and history of POLST, legal issues in out-of-hospital advance planning instruments, DNR orders and POLST plus a panel of experts from states who are using a POLST type form. No matter the level of implementation in a community, this precourse will help participants move to the "next level" of knowledge and skill involved in implementation.

Please encourage EMS physicians who are attending the NAEMSP meeting to attend this workshop along with any other EMS or emergency personnel who might be interested.

For more information on the NAEMSP workshop please go to www.naemsp.org

For more information the POLST Paradigm go to www.polst.org