

Program Description for: **IDAHO**

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Program Name: POST (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment)

State or Region: Idaho

Area of Use: Statewide

Program Status: No Program (possibly state contacts)
 Developing Program
 Endorsed by National POLST Paradigm Initiative Task Force

Name of program / form:

Yes	No	Optional	POSSIBLE POLST PARADIGM COMPONENTS
X			1. Form has a uniform, standardized color
X			2. Decisions reflected in the form are medical orders that must be followed by emergency personnel in the field and emergency rooms.
X			3. The form accompanies the patient across care settings
X			4. CPR / DNR section
X			5. Levels of interventions for #3
X			6. Levels of interventions for #4
X			7. Feeding Tube
X			8. Antibiotics
X			9. Basis for orders
X			10. Person completing form
X			11. Physician / NP / PA signature
X			12. Physician / NP / PA name & office number
X			13. Patient / Legal agent signature
X			14. Designation of legal agent name and number
X			15. Space for review
X			16. Statement about leeway (<i>is the patient's surrogate provided authority to interpret the goals and preference at the time decisions are made?</i>)

EXTENT OF USE:

Start year: 2007

Settings of skills: The legislation was adopted in 2007. All healthcare providers in all health settings must honor this form. The POST form replaced the Comfort One as Idaho's DNR order. EMS must honor the form. The form is available from the web site located at www.idahoems.org.

Range of use: Used in all settings regularly except hospital. Many hospitals have their own orders and have determined that EMT's are not called if patient still in hospital will not.

Use by those under 18yrs: Yes

Distributed per month: Unknown

Distributed per year: Unknown

HISTORY: The law resulted from a 2006 House concurrent resolution directing the Department of Health and Welfare and the Attorney General's office to develop a form to standardize DNR orders used at hospitals and other health care settings.

BARRIERS OVERCOME: No substantial barriers or opposition. Process developed smoothly.

STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS: 39-4502(12) & 39-4512A; 39-4502(13), 39-4512B(1); 39-4514(7)(b); 39-4514(8)(b); 39-4514(2); 39-4514(8)(a); 39-4514(9) & 39-4510(4); 39-4514(4); 39-4512C; 39-4513(1); 39-4514(5); 39-4513(5); 39-4502(5) & 39-4514(3); 39-4512A(1); 39-4512A(3); 39-4512A(4); 39-4513(2); 39-4514(6)

POLST IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING:

Policies (hospitals, nursing homes, EMS, etc.):

It is used in all facilities and the facility can access the forms on a password protected registry site. There is also a wallet size registration form that is mailed to the patient when the form is entered into the registry.

Registry for POLST Paradigm Forms:

The POST form is distributed as a web based form of the Idaho Sec. of State's health care directory web site at www.idsos.state.id.us/general/hcdr.htm
Information and questions can be directed to Idaho EMS Bureau.

Management:

The Secretary of State's office oversees the Registry.

The Department of Health and Welfare sent out notice to all health care providers on June 11, 2007. Information is available at www.idahoems.org.

Training for health care professionals:

Notice mailed to all providers in June 2007. There are FAQs posted on the EMS web site for providers and patients. Several educational sessions have been provided.

Training for the public and patients:

Several sessions have included this type of training.

CQI projects and research:

None.