

<b>Developing Program Description for:</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
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<b>Program Name:</b> Indiana Patient Preferences Coalition	
<b>State or Region:</b> Indiana	
<b>Area of Use:</b> Not applicable	

**Program Status Requested:**

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

**Name of Program:**

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

Program Information
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**EXTENT OF USE:** N/A

**Start year:** Developing  
**Settings of skills:** Plan is to develop a POLST-like program for use across treatment settings.  
**Range of use:**  
**Use by those under 18yrs:** No. Indiana Statutes do not permit use of the Out-of-Hospital DNR order form for minors and it is not the intention of this Coalition to pursue use of the POLST for minors. .  
**Distributed per month:** **Distributed per year:**

**HISTORY:**

The Indiana State Bar Association’s Probate, Trust, and Real Property Section formed a legislative subcommittee to pursue implementation of POLST in Indiana in January 2010, an effort later endorsed and supported by the ISBA’s Elder Law Section. A broader group of stakeholders representing multiple organizations met for the first time in August 2010 and the Indiana Patient Preferences Coalition (IPPC) was born. The IPPC is now chaired by Gerald Walthall, MD, from St. Francis Hospital and consists of three key committees: Clinical, Legislative, and Community. Each group is working to secure support from community organizations and to develop program materials.

**BARRIERS OVERCOME:**

Indiana state statutes currently contain detailed, specific requirements for an out-of-hospital do-not resuscitate order form that is incompatible with the POLST Paradigm so legislative action will be necessary in order to authorize use of a POLST-like Program in the state of Indiana. In order to achieve legislative approval, it is essential that the IPPC secures and demonstrates broad community support for the development of a POLST Paradigm Program in Indiana.

**STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS:**

**POLST IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING:**

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

**Registry for POLST Paradigm Forms:** Developing

**MANAGEMENT:**

**Describe program management:** Developing

**Who will distribute forms:** Developing

**How will oversight of the program ensure quality:** Developing

**TRAINING:**

**Training for health care professionals:** Developing

**Training for the public and patients:** Developing

**EVALUATION:**

CQI projects and research: Developing

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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