

Program Description for: **Kansas**

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Program Name: Transportable Physician Orders for Patient Preferences (T-POPP)

State or Region: Kansas & Missouri

Area of Use: Metro Region

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:

Settings of skills:

Range of use:

**Use by those
under 18yrs:**

Distributed per month:

Distributed per year:

HISTORY: The POLST template is being actively developed as a bi-state, Kansas and Missouri, initiative with the combined efforts of the University of Kansas and the Midwest Center for Bioethics

BARRIERS OVERCOME: Barriers presently are with the legislative and legal concerns about the present use of the DNR form and the issue of surrogacy.

STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS: These are being reviewed both in Kansas and Missouri presently. We have determined there is no impediment in KS. We are seeking repeal of an out of hospital DNR patient initiated **directive** statute in 2010 to ensure there is no question about interference. The new regulations for out of hospital DNR Orders in MO have taken effect. We have a ruling in writing by the Department of Health and Senior Services that POLST like initiatives are allowed, but it is likely that we will have to have any POLST like form (TPOPP) accompany the prescribed state form to be recognized by some EMS providers.

POLST IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING:

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

These will be developed as the program develops.

Registry for POLST Paradigm Forms:

Management: Center for Practical Bioethics

Training for health care professionals:

We are developing guidebooks and web based training modules.

Training for the public and patients:

This is in the development stage.

CQI projects and research:

This is in the development stage