

Program Description for: **MICHIGAN**

Name: Jane Dinnen
Title: Advance Care Planning Coordinator
Phone: 231-935-6635
Fax: 231-935-6634
E-mail: jdinnen@mhc.net

Mail Address: Munson Medical Center
 1105 Sixth St
 Traverse City, MI 49684

Date Completed: 7/12/08 **Date Updated:** 8/14/08

Program Name: POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)

State or Region: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Kalkaska Counties
Area of Use:

- 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: 2000-2001

Settings of skills: Home Care Agencies, Extended Care Facilities, Hospice, Palliative Care, Acute Care, Adult Foster Care, Private Practice.

Range of use: Home Care Agencies: 2 of 5. Extended Care Facilities: 3 of 10 using form on 100% of pts, 2 more began process to implement this summer ('08), 3 "talking to corporate" about its use. Hospice: 1 of 2 using for ~15% of pts. Palliative Care 85% of pts. Acute Care: Hospitalists

Training for health care professionals:

Our healthcare system uses the Respecting Choices philosophy for competencies in facilitating conversations regarding end of life choices. All nurses and social workers currently facilitating POLST conversations prior to discussions w/ the physician/nurse practitioner or physician's assistant have successfully completed these competencies.

Training for the public and patients:

The Advance Care Planning department provides a volunteer speaker's bureau for anyone wanting education on POLST. Our volunteers attend health fairs & other venues for education prn. POLST stories in media leading up to National Health Care Decisions Day.

CQI projects and research:

Any POLST document that is not discharged w/ the patient in the acute care setting is routed back to our dept so that it can be returned to the pt and so that we can correct errors in processing POLST. Health care providers, patients and families are encouraged to contact the Advance Care Planning dept or the Bioethics Resource Committee if they encounter any difficulties related to POLST. We have done no outcome research thus far.