

Program Description for: *OHIO*

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Program Name: Plan to use MOLST

State or Region: Ohio

Area of Use: Presently seeking passage of legislation and statewide approval and 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: HB 601 has been introduced by Rep Wachtman and has gotten bipartisan support. The bill is being amended by a legislative sub-committee before public hearings. Rep. Watchman would like to get a vote on the bill in the 2008 lame duck session.

Settings of skills:	Not currently in formal use but there may be some healthcare systems that have adopted the form for their own "in-house" use, realizing that it is not valid in a broader community context.		
Range of use:	N/A		
Use by those under 18yrs:	In the current version of the bill (10/28/08), the MOLST form is to be used only by individuals over the age of 18. The state organization of pediatric hospice and palliative care organizations has contacted Rep. Watchman and asked that this age restriction be removed.		
Distributed per month:	N/A	Distributed per year:	N/A

HISTORY:

First started working on this in summer of 2005. We have had two different task forces working on the DNR in Ohio and the broader issue of POLST Paradigm (to be called MOLST in Ohio). If the legislation is passed, the new MOLST form would replace the existing DNRCC and DNRCC arrest documents. The program would be overseen by the Department of Health with input from a committee of state hospice and health care organizations.

BARRIERS OVERCOME:

Most professionals and groups/orgs have been very positive about MOLST. Ohio has had a very complicated DNR issue to try to improve and most see MOLST as a step in the right direction. We still have questions about whether the MOLST form will be used for children and, if not, what can be used in its place. At this time, we do not intend to include organ donation wishes on the MOLST form although this was requested by some groups. The current plan is to implement the MOLST form statewide rather than through pilot projects.

STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS:

Changing the current DNR forms to a MOLST form will require legislative approval.

POLST IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING:

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

To be determined.

Registry for POLST Paradigm Forms:

We are working on this.

Management:

The proposed bill states that Ohio Dept. of Health is to convene an Advisory Council to create a MOLST form. The longer term responsibility of management of MOLST is yet to be determined.

Training for health care professionals:

The task force has been addressing this issue as we anticipate passage of the MOLST bill. We have a group of 30+ orgs that will each move the education forward in their respective settings. One of the members of the task force has committed to creating a DVD and module for standardized education. Coordination of training for professionals and the general public will probably fall to OHPCO.

Ohio has a cadre of Advance Care Planning Facilitators and Instructors who have been certified through the Respecting Choices curriculum. (Created by Bud Hammes and Linda Briggs at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in Wisconsin). We estimate having nearly 500 or more throughout the state. These professionals would be a logical group to approach with this new initiative.

Training for the public and patients:

To be determined.

CQI projects and research:

To be determined.