

Program Description for: **OREGON**

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

State or Region: Oregon

Area of Use: Entire State of Oregon

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

Name of program / form: Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)

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: The Oregon POLST Task Force began in 1991 with pilot testing between 1991 and 1995 when the POLST form was finally released for general use.

Settings of skills: The continuum of care from home to residential and assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospice, acute care hospital in some settings.

Training for the public and patients:

The Center can provide information directly to patients, however, refers patients back to their physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant for further information about POLST. We do have written and video materials for patients and families, which are available through the Center and through our web site.

CQI projects and research:

Several research projects have now been completed on the Oregon POLST Program. These are described on our web site.