

Program Description for: **WYOMING**

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Program Name: POLST

State or Region: Jackson Hole

Area of Use: Teton County

- 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: See below

Settings of skills: See below

Range of use: See below

Use by those under 18yrs: Yes

Distributed per month: TBD

Distributed per year: TBD

HISTORY:

I've used the POLST form in Oregon and Washington for years. Recently I relocated my practice to Jackson, WY. Jackson is the perfect community for a POLST pilot project, and there is also interest at the state level in setting up a program. I've already met with our medical executive committee and have strong support from our medical staff to move forward. We've formed a committee and are ready to move forward with implementation.

BARRIERS OVERCOME: We will see.

STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS: No barriers that we are aware of. TBD

POLST IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING:

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

Will be used in hospital, outpatient, and EMS settings. We are large geographic area, but have only one hospital, one EMS system, and well coordinated medical staff.

Registry for POLST Paradigm Forms:

Management: Jim Little, Jr. MD

Training for health care professionals:

Will be doing training programs for all providers both through our medical staff and also doing community outreach to our nursing home, assisted living, and public presentations.

Training2: Will be using "train the trainer" approach.

Training for the public and patients:

Will be doing educational forums, as well as advertising.

CQI projects and research: