

National POLST

Forum Topic of the Quarter

NPC Position on the National POLST Form in EPIC



The National POLST Collaborative (NPC) has recently been made aware of activity within the EPIC foundation platform incorporating the National POLST model form. This has been done without permission, input or approval of NPC.

As our members and other state programs are aware, each state has their own laws, regulations and language governing the validity of POLST (and other named order sets) as actionable, portable medical orders. The National POLST document is a model form that must be adapted or adopted by each individual state for use and must include the state-designated name or acronym (e.g., POLST, MOLST, POST, MOST, T-POPP, LaPOST).

We are attempting to work with EPIC to discuss further steps to rectify this problem. In the meantime, we recommend states communicate with their providers and health systems that only state-developed and approved forms are valid, and that utilizing the generic National POLST model form may jeopardize patient care if implemented. We plan to work on this issue and will provide more clarification and guidance soon. [Link to the official letter.](#)

If you are adopting a POLST form revision in your state, we'd like you to contact the NPC Form Consultation Committee. They serve as a consultative resource on the national model form and state-specific regulations. To enlist this, please email NatPOLSTCollaborative@gmail.com

Upcoming Education and Meetings



Changing Public Perceptions of Serious Illness Care

**An interactive messaging principles webinar, Co-hosted by the NPC
March 12th, 1pm EST ~OR~ March 19th, 1pm EST**

Join us for an interactive webinar hosted by seven leading organizations, where you'll learn how to change public perceptions to improve access to serious illness care. We welcome participants from any healthcare discipline to attend one of our sessions (same session twice for your scheduling convenience), and encourage you to invite a colleague who can apply these learnings within their community.

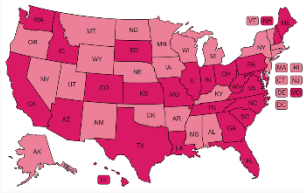
Funded by the John A Hartford Foundation and Cambia. [More information and link to registration HERE.](#)



NPC Webinar: Investigating EMS as an Untapped Resource for Rural POLST Education March 28th, 3pm EST

The National POLST Collaborative partnered with the POLST Programs from Maine, Virginia, and Hawaii to develop POLST education for rural communities through EMS. Please attend our webinar on lessons learned from a year of work funded by the Hillman Foundation. [Register HERE.](#)

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Mark your calendars!!

The NPC Member States' Quarterly Meeting will be held in **Late March 2024**. Date and time TBD. Watch your inbox for more information. To find out if your state is an NPC member, click [HERE](#). To learn about membership benefits and enroll, click [HERE](#).

Featured Research

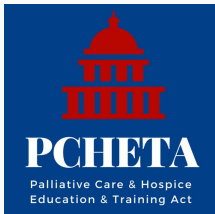


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Featured News



Support PCHETA. The National POLST Collaborative is a proud supporter of the Palliative Care and Hospice Education Training Act (PCHETA), S.2243, a bipartisan bill to improve the lives of patients with serious illness and their care partners.

If enacted, this bill would: create a national public education campaign for patients and health care teams about palliative care-its availability and benefits including the use of POLST, expand federal support of research around palliative care including better treatments for pain and other symptoms, and the use of POLST, and establish and expand training programs in palliative care for doctors and the other members of the healthcare team. [Learn more HERE](#). [Sign the petition HERE](#).

Featured Advisor



The National POLST Collaborative welcomes our new Technical Advisor.

Robert (Rim) Cothren, PhD, has doctorate in Medical Engineering from Harvard / MIT Health Sciences and Technology (HST) Program in Medical Engineering and Medical Physics. He has served on the NPC Technology Committee for multiple years , where he shares his expertise in health informatics and information technology, technology strategy, and policy implementation with states looking to further their POLST interoperability

workflows.

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