


## Appendix: Sample POLST Form

HIPAA PERMITS DISCLOSURE OF DNR/POLST TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AS NECESSARY FOR TREATMENT										
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>  <p>State of Illinois Illinois Department of Public Health</p> </div> <div> <p><b>DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE (DNR)/PRACTITIONER ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT (POLST) FORM</b></p> </div> </div>										
<p><b>For patients, use of this form is completely voluntary.</b> Follow these orders until changed. These medical orders are based on the patient's medical condition and preferences. Any section not completed does not invalidate the form and implies initiating all treatment for that section. With significant change of condition new orders may need to be written.</p>										
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<p><b>A CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)</b> If patient has no pulse and is not breathing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attempt Resuscitation/CPR <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/DNR</p> <p>(Selecting CPR means Full Treatment in Section B is selected)</p>										
<p><b>When not in cardiopulmonary arrest, follow orders B and C.</b></p>										
<p><b>B MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS</b> If patient is found with a pulse and/or is breathing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Treatment: Primary goal of sustaining life by medically indicated means. In addition to treatment described in Selective Treatment and Comfort-Focused Treatment, use intubation, mechanical ventilation and cardioversion as indicated. Transfer to hospital and/or intensive care unit if indicated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selective Treatment: Primary goal of treating medical conditions with selected medical measures. In addition to treatment described in Comfort-Focused Treatment, use medical treatment, IV fluids and IV medications (may include antibiotics and vasopressors), as medically appropriate and consistent with patient preference. Do Not Intubate. May consider less invasive airway support (e.g. CPAP, BiPAP). Transfer to hospital, if indicated. Generally avoid the intensive care unit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comfort-Focused Treatment: Primary goal of maximizing comfort. Relieve pain and suffering through the use of medication by any route as needed; use oxygen, suctioning and manual treatment of airway obstruction. Do not use treatments listed in Full and Selective Treatment unless consistent with comfort goal. Request transfer to hospital only if comfort needs cannot be met in current location.</p> <p>Optional Additional Orders _____</p>										
<p><b>C MEDICALLY ADMINISTERED NUTRITION</b> (if medically indicated) Offer food by mouth, if feasible and as desired.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-term medically administered nutrition, including feeding tubes. Additional Instructions (e.g., length of trial period)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trial period of medically administered nutrition, including feeding tubes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No medically administered means of nutrition, including feeding tubes.</p>										
<p><b>D DOCUMENTATION OF DISCUSSION</b> (Check all appropriate boxes below)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Patient <input type="checkbox"/> Agent under health care power of attorney</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parent of minor <input type="checkbox"/> Health care surrogate decision maker (See Page 2 for priority list)</p> <p><b>Signature of Patient or Legal Representative</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Signature (required)</td> <td>Name (print)</td> <td>Date</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Signature of Witness to Consent</b> (Witness required for a valid form)</p> <p>I am 18 years of age or older and acknowledge the above person has had an opportunity to read this form and have witnessed the giving of consent by the above person or the above person has acknowledged his/her signature or mark on this form in my presence.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Signature (required)</td> <td>Name (print)</td> <td>Date</td> </tr> </table>		Signature (required)	Name (print)	Date	Signature (required)	Name (print)	Date			
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<p><b>E Signature of Attending Practitioner</b> (physician, licensed resident (second year or higher), advanced practice nurse or physician assistant)</p> <p>My signature below indicates to the best of my knowledge and belief that these orders are consistent with the patient's medical condition and preferences.</p> <p>Print Attending Practitioner Name (required) _____</p> <p>Phone ( ) _____ - _____</p> <p>Attending Practitioner Signature (required) _____</p> <p>Date (required) _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p>										
<p>Form Revision Date January 2015 (Prior form versions are also valid.)</p>										
<p>SEND A COPY OF FORM WITH PATIENT WHENEVER TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED • COPY ON ANY COLOR OF PAPER IS ACCEPTABLE • 2015</p>										

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<p><b>Advance Directive Information</b></p> <p><b>Following advance directives (OPTIONAL)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Will Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Treatment Preference Declaration</p> <p>Contact Phone Number _____</p>			
<p><b>Professional Information</b></p> <p>Phone Number _____</p>			
<p>Preparer Title _____ Date Prepared _____</p>			

**Completing the IDPH Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)/POLST Form**

- The completion of a DNR/POLST form is always voluntary, cannot be mandated and may be changed at any time.
- A DNR/POLST should reflect current preferences of persons completing the DNR/POLST Form; encourage completion of a POAHC.
- Verbal/phone orders are acceptable with follow-up signature by attending physician in accordance with facility/community policy.
- Use of original form is encouraged. Photocopies and faxes on any color of paper also are legal and valid forms.

**Reviewing a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)/POLST Form**

This DNR/POLST form should be reviewed periodically and if:

- The patient is transferred from one care setting or care level to another,
- there is a substantial change in the patient's health status,
- the patient's treatment preferences change,
- or the patient's primary care professional changes.

**Voiding or revoking a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)/POLST Form**

- A patient with capacity can void or revoke the form, and/or request alternative treatment.
- Changing, modifying or revising a DNR/POLST form requires completion of a new DNR/POLST form.
- Draw line through sections A through E and write "VOID" across page if any DNR/POLST form is replaced or becomes invalid. Beneath the written "VOID" write in the date of change and re-sign.
- If included in an electronic medical record, follow all voiding procedures of facility.

**Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act (755 ILCS 40/25) Priority Order**

1. Patient's guardian of person	5. Adult sibling
2. Patient's spouse or partner of a registered civil union	6. Adult grandchild
3. Adult child	7. A close friend of the patient
4. Parent	8. The patient's guardian of the estate

For more information, visit the IDPH Statement of Illinois law at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/books/advin.htm>

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