



**MOLST Statewide Implementation Team
Quality Improvement and Research Workgroup
Joint Meeting with eMOLST Workgroup**

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conference Call Instructions

Dial-in number: 1-800-747-5150

Passcode: 2384514

Meeting Goals:

- To initiate the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team Quality Improvement (QI) and Research Workgroup
- To meet jointly with the eMOLST Workgroup to discuss the potential for integrating outcome measurement and research as we build the eMOLST application

Goals of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team QI & Research Workgroup

- Provide input to the National POLST Paradigm Task Force on development of national quality indicators
- Develop a research agenda for the MOLST Program
- Provide updates during monthly Statewide Community Implementation Team Meetings

Attendees

Cindy Bileschi, Pat Bomba, Helen Doemland, Steve Evans, Gloria Hitchcock, Simon Kassabian, Wren Keber, Karen Kremer, Mary Beth Morrissey,

- I. Welcome and Introductions.....Tom Caprio and Mary Beth Morrissey**
 - a) Mary Beth welcomed members and participants introduced themselves.
- II. Review of workgroup goals.....Tom Caprio and Mary Beth Morrissey**
 - a) Pat reviewed meeting goals and goals of the QI and Research Workgroup. Tom and Mary Beth, Co-Chairs of this workgroup, have agreed to represent this workgroup on the National POLST Task Force and will share the work of this workgroup with the Task Force. Recognition was made of the diversity of research projects that this workgroup will be examining in connection with the implementation of the MOLST process. Agendas and meeting minutes will be posted on the Professional Page on CompassionAndSupport.org.
- III. Update on eMOLST application and potential research opportunities.....Dr. Pat Bomba**
 - a) The eMOLST application is a pilot program to develop a statewide registry. QI will be built into the back end of the application.
 - b) The RHIO is constrained for research activities unless for RHIO operations or required reporting for public health issues. Any other research efforts would require IRB approval and probably a Level 2 patient consent.
 - c) The eMOLST identification number will use an area code to identify a region or site of generation to identify where the documents are being completed. Discussions will be held offline about using a two-part number because it could change the scope of work.
 - d) Steps one through eight on the MOLST checklists will be built in the eMOLST application. We could develop research from that information including resuscitation, life-sustaining treatment and demographics.
 - e) Legal authority of surrogates under the FHCDA would appear to extend to decisions to give consent for patients who lack capacity to participate in research protocols.

- f) Language for consent to participate in research should be considered now. Under federal human subject research regulations, in most cases approval would be required by one or more IRB Committees.
- g) Research ideas that require embedding information/data in the eMOLST application include: 1) the relationship between MOLST and subsequent utilization, 2) comparison of health status to choices and utilization; analysis of alignment of utilization with health status and prognosis, 3) analysis of how decisions are made in comparison to the decision maker; weighting and scoring of decisions; analysis of how people are making decisions, 4) comparison of utilization of PEG tubes and/or other LST with and without MOLST, 5) trending the involvement of health care practitioners, i.e. physicians, social workers and other practitioners involved in decision making processes.
- h) Fusion is at a point in the project where they are developing the database. They need to know what the group wants to measure so the data are built in now and make sure that they can do the analytics. They can move the information to a separate database. They want the system to generate a web-based report that they can export. They can merge analytics with whatever information they can get from paper.
- i) eMOLST click through screen shots are available that give visualization to what is being built.
- j) Another area of interest for research is to evaluate effectiveness of MOLST training at facilities.

IV. Open Forum.....All

- a) No open forum items discussed.

V. Next Steps and Accountabilities.....Tom Caprio and Mary Beth Morrissey

- a) Pat will send Steve Evans the eMOLST screenshots.
- b) Helen Doemland, Steve Evans, Simon Kassabian and Fern Wasserman are interested in joining the eMOLST workgroup.
- c) Mary Beth Morrissey and Pat are interested in having the QI and Research workgroup and the Education workgroup share information to facilitate development of a research agenda with respect to evaluation of MOLST training.
- d) Pat will let Fusion know the list of reports that need to be generated including data elements.

- **Future 2010 Meetings**

The QI and Research workgroup and eMOLST workgroup will meet on an ad hoc basis. Emails, with real time feedback will be the main communication venue. Conference calls will be organized on an as needed basis.