

Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment

Dear Colleagues,

The MOLST forms have been revised and approved by the New York State Department of Health and are now NYSDOH forms. MOLST is consistent with PHL§2977(3) and cannot be altered. The revisions reflect:

- the change in Public Health Law
- suggestions from early adopters from across New York State
- changes required for EMRs and to prepare for the electronic workflow of the MOLST Program.

Samples of the revised version of the MOLST form and Supplemental Forms for Adults and Minors are available at the community Web site, or click on the following links:

- [MOLST Form](#)
- [Supplemental Documentation Form for Adults](#)
- [Supplemental Documentation Form for Minors](#)

Once I have ordered and received the "August 2008 Revised" MOLST forms, what should I do with the "Revised 2005" version?

Please discard all "Revised 2005" MOLST forms and begin using the "August 2008 Revised" MOLST forms.

Does this mean, that anyone with a "Revised 2005" MOLST form needs to complete a "August 2008 Revised" MOLST form?

No. The MOLST form does not need to be redone. Earlier versions of the MOLST are legal and valid orders. Review and renew orders periodically as outlined on the MOLST form.

Are DNR orders completed when a patient has capacity still valid when the patient loses capacity?

Yes. The patient's preference and expressed wishes for DNR are **not** lost due to *loss of capacity* (the ability to make health care decisions). Attach the previously completed DNR form when the patient had capacity and attach to the MOLST. Check the box 'Prior form attached'. Proceed to complete the rest of the MOLST form with the appropriate consent as outlined in 'Who provides consent for 'Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment and Future Hospitalization'? Use the process outlined in the 8-Step Protocol. Attach DNR order forms to the MOLST.

If a patient comes in with the "Revised 2005" MOLST form, is it still legally binding?

Yes. If the patient presents with a "Revised 2005" MOLST form, it is still legally binding.

How do I order FREE "August 2008 Revised" MOLST forms and other material related to Advance Care Planning, Seniors, Elder Abuse, and Pain Management?

The most up-to-date order form is available at the MOLST Training Center. >[View](#). Just complete the directions as stated on the form to expedite your request for material. If you know of someone without a computer, please print and share a copy of this form.

Is there a concise list of changes?

A list of changes is being compiled similar to the sheet that outlines changes to the 2003 form reflected in the 2005 form. View the 2003-2005 changes [here](#). When available, the new changes will be posted at the [MOLST Training Center](#).

Are there any upcoming MOLST Trainings?

The MOLST Program: A Community Approach to Improving End-of-life Care is being held in Binghamton, Buffalo and Jamestown this fall. Attendees will receive a syllabus that will serve as the new revised MOLST Manual. Logistical details on these sessions are available [here](#).

I am in the midst of revising the FAQs, MOLST resources, including the MOLST Manual in light of the passage of the MOLST bill.

Please forward any MOLST questions or suggestions regarding needed resources.

As noted in the prior updates, I have received increasing inquiries regarding the MOLST Program from throughout the state. To facilitate communication on a timely and regular basis, I will send periodic updates on the MOLST Program. You have received this email because you have contacted me via phone call or email. Thank you for your interest in the MOLST. Feel free to share this email with others; they may contact me and be added to the distribution of these updates.

*If you are **not interested** in receiving future updates, please let me know via email.*

As always, thank you for your support of the MOLST Program!

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