

Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Update

Please forward this email to colleagues in your respective organizations and associations.

- **OPWDD Memorandum: MOLST Form and MOLST Legal Requirements Checklist for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities: Approved!**
On January 21, 2011, Eileen Zibell, Esq. posted a memorandum from OPWDD stating "Effective immediately, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has approved the use of the newly revised [DOH-5003 MOLST form](#) for the individuals served in the OPWDD system." However, the MOLST form must be accompanied by the [MOLST Legal Requirements Checklist for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities](#). Visit http://www.omr.state.ny.us/health/hp_MOLST.jsp and http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst/checklist_for_patients_with_developmental_disabilities.
- **MOLST Instructions and Legal Requirements Checklist for Patients with Mental Illness in a Mental Hygiene Facility: Update & New Information!**
The MOLST form has been approved by the Office of Mental Health (OMH). A checklist for persons with mental illness in mental hygiene facilities, who are incapable of making their own health care decisions or who have a guardian of the person appointed pursuant to Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law or Article 17-A of the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, is under development.
 - View new [Surrogate Decision-Making for Incapable Adult Patients with Mental Disabilities: A Chart of the Applicable Laws and Regulations](#)
- **EMS MOLST PowerPoint: Revised & Posted, CompassionAndSupport.org January 2011 Special thanks to the EMS Workgroup!**
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst_training_center/ems_molst_training
- **Social Media Update:** For the latest end-of-life news, follow me on twitter at [Twitter.com/PatBombaMD](https://twitter.com/PatBombaMD) or "like" us on facebook at [Facebook.com/CompassionandSupport](https://www.facebook.com/CompassionandSupport). I'm posting information to the sites on the latest news related to issues such as advance care planning, MOLST, the Family Health Care Decisions Act and the Palliative Care Information Act. Facebook also created a [MOLST community page](#) that displays wikipedia articles and related posts about MOLST. I'll be using the social media tools this year to better reach professionals and the public. Please let me know if you have any information that you'd like me to post to Twitter or Facebook! **Special Thanks to Jonathan Karmel for updating Wikipedia!**
- **MOLST and FHCD A Webinar Series:** In collaboration with IPRO in the Albany Capital District, a webinar is being on community implementation of the MOLST Program as part of the Care Transitions Initiative underway in Washington, Warren, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties. The recorded webinar will be posted at http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst_training_center/molst_and_fhcd_a_webinar_series. Follow-up webinars are planned that focus on MOLST & FHCD implementation in nursing homes, hospitals, physician offices, assisted living facilities, home care agencies and hospices agencies, as well as for special populations (minor patients, patients with developmental disabilities and patients in a mental hygiene facility.) **Please let me know if you would be interested on working on any of the upcoming webinars. Thanks to IPRO for hosting the next webinar and suggesting content!**
- **Palliative Care Information Act:**
The Palliative Care Information Act, 2010 (Chapter 331 of the Laws of 2010) amended New York State Public Health Law by adding section 2997-c. Effective February 9, 2011, this law requires physicians and nurse practitioners to offer terminally-ill patients information and counseling concerning palliative care and end-of-life options. NYSDOH will be posting information on their website prior to February 9. A new Palliative Care web page for Professionals is now on [CompassionAndSupport.org](http://www.compassionandsupport.org): http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/palliative_care. Two new web pages

for Patients and Families are under development and will be posted before February 9: Palliative Care and Caregiver Support (a major pillar of palliative care.)

- **CompassionAndSupport.org:** Web pages have been revised based on community feedback. NEW! [MOLST Discussion](#) page created in response to requests from community physicians as part of eMOLST site visits and from MOLST Trainers and members of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team.
- **National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD):** April 16 is NHDD. Join the [NHDD New York State Coalition](#) and plan activities to raise awareness of the need for conversation and completion of a health care proxy. FHCDA is a law of last resorts! View the two-step approach to [Advance Care Planning](#).
- **REMINDER: MOLST Instructions and Legal Requirements Checklists for Adult Patients: Revised & Posted, NYSDOH website December 2010!**
These Checklists can be found at:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/patient_rights/molst/ and at
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst/checklists_for_adult_patients.
- **REMINDER: MOLST Instructions and Legal Requirements Checklist for Minor Patients: New & Posted, NYSDOH website December 2010!**
These Checklists can be found at:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/patient_rights/molst/ and at
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst/checklist_for_minor_patients.
- **REMINDER: MOLST Chart Documentation Forms: Revised & Posted, CompassionAndSupport.org December 2010!**
Documentation of the clinical process and legal requirements must be included in the medical record. Completion of the appropriate MOLST Chart Documentation Form serves as documentation of both the conversation and the legal requirements and should remain in the medical record. *Use of these forms is optional.*
 - **MOLST Chart Documentation Forms align with the Checklists for Adult Patients:**
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst/checklists_for_adult_patients.
 - **MOLST Chart Documentation Form aligns with the Checklist for Minor Patients:**
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_professionals/molst/checklist_for_minor_patients.

Thank you for serving on the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team and your support of the MOLST Program!



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