

# MOLST Update

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Work continues on the MOLST Program community pilot project. To be successful, we are hoping to engage 100% participation of health care facilities in both Monroe and Onondaga counties.

The Monroe and Onondaga Counties MOLST Community Implementation Team is meeting monthly to oversee the implementation of the MOLST pilot. Subcommittees have been formed and are meeting regularly. These include EMS, Quality Improvement, Research, Education and Home Care and Hospice. Membership on these subcommittees include members of the Community Implementation Team, expert community professionals from our health systems and my staff. A communication plan is developed and phase 1 has been executed. An update on subcommittee activities and the communication plan will be provided periodically. Much work has been accomplished and will be needed as we facilitate the project and measure outcomes. I extend a special thanks to everyone who has been assisting in this project.

## Chapter Amendment

Chapter Amendment was introduced in January. Assemblyman Joseph Morelli and Senator Jim Alessi are sponsors. (S6365 and A9479).

Chapter amendment will permit authorization for EMS to honor Do Not Intubate (DNI) instructions prior to full cardiopulmonary arrest in Monroe and Onondaga Counties during MOLST pilot. DNI is not covered in Nonhospital DNR Law (Public Health Law § 2977)

## Timeline:

Chapter Amendment referred to Senate and Assembly Health Committees.

It has moved in the Senate and was delayed in the Assembly.

Discussions are underway with Assemblyman Gottfried and Silver's office to expedite the process.

Once Chapter Amendment is passed, we will seek Governor's signature within 2 weeks.

With chapter amendment, EMS can follow DNI orders in Onondaga and Monroe County.

**New tentative start date moved to 4/1/06. Use the new MOLST forms and continue to use the NYSDOH Nonhospital DNR form.**

Timeline of chapter amendment signing will drive actual start date.

## EMS Training:

EMS training is under development, has been piloted with 2 groups in Monroe and is now being finalized

EMS training in Monroe and Onondaga counties will begin once chapter amendment is signed.

## MOLST Pilot:

During the MOLST Community Pilot, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel will follow the orders on the MOLST form **for individuals living in Monroe and Onondaga Counties.**

*Individuals living in Monroe or Onondaga Counties:* A completed, signed MOLST form can replace the New York State Out-of-Hospital DNR form.

*Individuals living outside of Monroe and Onondaga Counties:* The New York State Out-of-hospital DNR form must be completed in addition to the MOLST.

## Web:

The community web site [www.compassionandsupport.org](http://www.compassionandsupport.org) is being updated. There will be a separate section for patients and families and one for families. An education and training center will house materials that have been are being developed.

## MOLST Users Group

To facilitate the sharing of questions and solutions as part of the implementation process, a Users Group is being developed. *Please let me know if a MOLST champion or individual designated to oversee MOLST implementation is interested in participating in this group.*

NYSDOH Training Academy

MOLST will be included in the training for LTC, Hospital and EMS surveyors in March. I will be providing this training.

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