

## MOLST Update

June 2006

Dear Colleagues,

**The MOLST Pilot Project, permitting use of the MOLST form in lieu of the NYSDOH Nonhospital DNR Order form, was launched on May 1.**

EMS training has occurred in Monroe and Onondaga counties. The new MOLST will be recognized and honored by EMT personnel in Monroe and Onondaga counties as an Out-of-Hospital DNR form. Outside of these two counties, patients will still require the current NYS Out-of-Hospital DNR Form in addition to the MOLST.

The [Chapter Amendment](#) was passed by the Senate and remains delayed in the Assembly. Efforts will be intensified in the final weeks before the session ends.

The [revised MOLST Guidebook](#) is posted on the community web site, [www.compassionandsupport.org](http://www.compassionandsupport.org). To view it, go to [Guide to MOLST](#). The 8 Step MOLST Protocol distributed at the MOLST Conference outlining the recommended communication process is contained in the Guidebook. Reminder: continue to document conversations with patient and or surrogate in the medical record.

The [MOLST Training Center](#) at <http://www.compassionandsupport.org/molst/professionals/index.htm> contains PowerPoint presentations appropriate for health care professionals, hospitals, long term care, and medical legal professionals. The PowerPoint presentations from the November 2005 MOLST Conference are posted as are sample policies and procedures. *If you have materials to share and wish to have them posted, please forward to me.*

As indicated in prior emails, the MOLST form was revised in November 2005; [the revised MOLST form should be used](#). For systems who began using the initial MOLST form, view a list of revisions located at <http://www.compassionandsupport.org/molst/professionals/form.htm>.

A [MOLST Patient and Family Trifold brochure](#) is near completion. It will be available in print and will be posted on the community web site when completed.

[Dr. Suzanne Gillespie](#) has joined the Monroe and Onondaga Community Implementation Team. If anyone is interested in joining the Team or a MOLST subcommittee, please contact me. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in moving the MOLST Pilot Project forward.

[Julie VanRensselaer](#), Geriatrics Project Manager and Chair of the MOLST Education Subcommittee, and [Chris Derks](#), Clinical Quality Coordinator and Chair of the MOLST Quality Subcommittee, have both accepted new positions within Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, effective June 12. Both have been critical members of our Geriatric Team and will be missed. We congratulate them and wish them well in their new positions. During the transition, Dan Vermilyea, Program Implementation Manager, will serve as Chair of the MOLST Education Subcommittee and I will serve as Chair of the MOLST Quality Subcommittee.