

MOLST Update

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your support and collaboration over the years. As we are shooting footage for the DVD and interviewing patients, families and health care professionals alike, MOLST is already making a difference in the lives of the citizens of New York State through encouraging facilitated patient-centered, goal-based discussions among patients, families and health care professionals. Review of our initial PCR data re: EMS use of MOLST reveals that MOLST is being used effectively and appropriately.

As we have discussed over time, there is a significant need for education on end-of-life issues. In particular, for MOLST implementation to be successful, training is essential. We are pleased to have secured funding for the MOLST DVD and web site revision project as envisioned in our meetings.

This Save-the-Date email was sent to colleagues across the state who have been working on the MOLST Program and recognize the need for additional MOLST training tool that reaches a broad target audience as well as an educational curriculum. The DVD will combine with materials that are already housed and revised on the community web site, www.compassionandsupport.org.

I recognize the distance from Albany to Rochester. However, I hope you as key individuals in our collaborative efforts can join us for the Preview. I would also appreciate your suggestions regarding other key individuals who should receive an invitation to the event.

Best regards,
Pat

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the MOLST DVD and Web-Based Tools Project, a MSSNY-Excellus BCBS Community Initiative. The web redesign is well underway. Filming for the DVD began April 30. We are planning a documentary-style video that will be spontaneous and personal and will be focused on real patients, families, professionals and their experiences that will include:

- A 10-15 minutes informational video

- An educational DVD will include an informational video, an educational video for health care and other professionals that focuses on the MOLST Form and Program and an educational video for EMS personnel on form comprehension.

You are invited to attend a Preview of the MOLST DVD. We need your help in planning for this event. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by sending your name and address to Marcia Haines at Marcia.Haines@excellus.com.

Thank you for your support of the MOLST Program.

As noted in the first update, I have received increasing inquiries regarding the MOLST Program and the pilot project from identified MOLST champions and other key health care professional leaders in both Monroe and Onondaga counties, surrounding areas and 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.*