

# MOLST Update

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Dear Colleagues,

The Quality Improvement tools were recently mailed to all health care facilities in Monroe and Onondaga Counties. The tools were sent along with a cover letter outlining the review process developed by the QI/EMS/Research Subcommittee co-chaired by Dr. Tom Caprio and Dr. Manish Shah.

Two target community benchmarks have been set:

1. For Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders, a 90% accuracy rate for Sections A, B, C and F are achieved
2. For Life-Sustaining Treatment orders, a 90% accuracy rate for Section E is achieved

If the target has been achieved, then the next review could be incorporated into the facility's performance improvement processes, as appropriate. If the target has not been achieved, it is recommended the review should be repeated monthly until target performance has been achieved.

I am pleased to share 2 recent articles that were published on the MOLST and the POLST Paradigm:

Bomba, P.A., Vermilyea, D. Integrating POLST Into Palliative Care Guidelines: A Paradigm Shift in Advance Care Planning in Oncology. *Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network*. 4:8, 819 - 829

Bomba, P.A. Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST): A Paradigm Shift in Advance Care Planning. *Health Law Journal*, 2006; 11:3, 39 - 51

A MOLST Train-the-Trainers 3-hour training will be held in January in Monroe County targeting skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and enriched housing. Details to follow.

As I reported last month, the MOLST section of the community web site [www.compassionandsupport.org](http://www.compassionandsupport.org) has been enhanced to more easily guide web site visitors to desired information.

To support the MOLST Project, the community web site [www.compassionandsupport.org](http://www.compassionandsupport.org) is currently undergoing review. Please let me know if you have any specific suggestions. Our goal is to:

- Define a clear, concise, and consistent navigation that will easily guide web site visitors to desired information.
- Provide a logical file structure that will assist updating the web site.
- Act as a decision making tool for web site initiatives.
- Improve web site usability and optimize site structure and flow.
- Enhance current web site structure and presence to meet objectives and workflow needs.

Thank you for your support of the MOLST Project.

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Please share this email with key health care professionals in your respective settings. As always, feel free to contact me with questions.

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.*