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POLST Update

Now Available

Spanish Form

The California POLST for has been translated into Spanish and is now available on the California Coalition for Compassionate Care [website](#).

The Spanish version is for educational purposes only and is not a valid POLST form. To be effective as a physician's order that is honored across the continuum, the POLST form must be signed in English so that emergency personnel and other healthcare professionals can read and follow the orders.

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CA POLST Curriculum Available

CCCC has developed a standardized training on POLST for California. The interactive curriculum covers everything from POLST basics to the POLST conversation.

POLST community coalitions have been trained in the material and will leading workshops in their communities. Contact your local coalition to find out more about upcoming trainings in your area. If there is no coalition near you, please contact CCCC for more information.

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Education

It Takes a Team: Implementing POLST in Your Nursing Home

This [half-day seminar](#) for administrators, physicians and ancillary healthcare providers will review model policies and procedures and highlight experiences of facilities that have already implemented POLST.

Sponsor: California Association of Long Term Care Medicine

Date: July 9 from 1:00–5:30 pm

Location: Omni Los Angeles Hotel, Los Angeles

Cost: \$50 for members & \$75 for non-members

For more information, please contact Jolene Fassbinder at (310)312-0518 or jfassbinder@mednet.ucla.edu.

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POLST in the News

CA POLST Highlighted in Journal of Palliative Medicine

Implementation of POLST in California is highlighted in an article by Diane Meier, MD, and Larry Beresford, in the April issue of the Journal of Palliative Medicine. "[POLST Offers Next Stage in Honoring Patient Preferences](#)" looks particularly at the role of hospital-based palliative care programs in promoting POLST.

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National Consensus Project Identifies CCCC's POLST Work as Best Practice

CCCC's work with POLST is listed as an exemplar of how to implement and operationalize the [Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care](#). The newly released Clinical Guidelines includes exemplars to show how the theory of the *Guidelines* can be put into practice.

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Resources

POLST Video in Spanish

A video on POLST in Spanish and English – "Honoring the Wishes of the Spanish speaking Patient & Family" – is currently available on the [National POLST website](#).

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