

State Operated Community Program
SOCP Policy Memorandum

Topic:	<u>OHSU form - Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)</u>	Issue date:	09/21/11
Related policy:	4.007 Individual Health Care 4.007.02 POLST		
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Applies to: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> All employees includes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prog. Managers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Managers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nurses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BVS1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BVS2

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SUBJECT: OHSU POLST Form

This notification is to **replace** the SOCP form with the **Oregon Health & Science University Center for Ethics POLST form**.

The State Operated Community Program (SOCP) will maintain/keep POLST(s) on file but SOCP staff WILL NOT follow the POLST/Limited Code.*

SOCP Behavior Homes will call 911, taking all means necessary to maintain life, until the Emergency Medical Technicians arrive on the scene. Upon arrival, the staff will give the EMT(s) the **POLST (OHSU form)**.

***Exceptions:**

SOCP medical homes, with 24-hour on site registered nurse(s).

- The RN's WILL follow a POLST, if applicable.
- RN's and SOCP staff WILL NOT follow a POLST, if the medical home client does not have a guardian and/or a healthcare representative.

SOCP behavior homes with individuals under the care of a hospice nurse (due to a terminal illness) WILL follow a POLST. In this case, staff will also follow the POLST.

The SOCP POLST policy is available for viewing on the SOCP Website and the **OHSU POLST form** is available from Central Office and/or Outreach Nurses.

SOCP policy: <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/socp/policy/4-health/4-007.pdf>

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