



MEMORANDUM

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To: Contra Costa County Fire Department
American Medical Response

FROM: Pat Frost, EMS Director 
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SUBJECT: ePOLST Registry Pilot (18-MEMO-001)

The California Emergency Medical Services Authority has launched a limited pilot study of the electronic Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (ePOLST) Registry. The pilot study is effective immediately and will conclude no later than July 1, 2018.

Pilot's Purpose

The ePOLST Registry pilot study has been designed to examine the feasibility and functionality of real-time access to the ePOLST registry by EMS personnel.

Intent

This document has been created to provide temporary guidance to EMS personnel participating in the ePOLST Registry pilot study. This guidance provided in this document expires no later than July 1, 2018.

Procedure

- A. EMS personnel are expected to use sound judgement when conducting a query of the ePOLST registry. Queries may only be made in conjunction with patient care at the time of service.
- B. Target populations for registry query include:
 1. Patients > 55 years of age;
 2. Patients with a history of terminal medical conditions, including hospice;
 3. Patients who are critically ill;
 4. Patients who are stated to have a POLST but the document cannot be produced.
- C. Queries should not interfere with patient care.
- D. If a POLST is produced on scene, EMS personnel should consider querying the ePOLST registry to determine if the POLST has been updated.
- E. Once a POLST has been validated, EMS personnel shall follow Policy 1003 – Do Not Resuscitate Orders



F. Print the ePOLST at hospital and turn over to receiving ED staff.

Reporting

EMS personnel shall report all technical difficulties or negative patient impacts related to the use of the ePOLST registry in accordance with Policy 6002 – EMS Event Reporting.

Review

The LEMSA will periodically review data collected from the pilot study and all EMS Event Reports received. A comprehensive analysis will take place after the conclusion of the pilot study and a determination made as to next steps.

