



PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

**GEORGIA POLST COLLABORATIVE  
MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

## **ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE**

Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) is a medical order that enables seriously ill patients to designate their desired treatments and to ensure that medical professionals honor those preferences.

The Georgia POLST Collaborative, one of only 21 approved programs across the nation, is part of the National POLST Paradigm and aims to educate patients, families and health care professionals throughout the state about the GA POLST. The mission of the Collaborative is to improve the health care at the end-of-life through:

- Promoting the utilization of the POLST form by health care professionals and institutions across the state
- Educating Georgians about advance care planning and the role of the POLST in having their wishes honored

## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

### **Bi-Annual POLST Collaborative Meeting**

Professional education on current issues in end-of-life care. Each year an annual POLST Conference will be held providing an opportunity to interact with nationally renowned experts on end-of-life care. Previous meeting speakers include Patricia A. Bomba, MD, Ellen Goodman with the Conversation Project, Ira Byock, MD, and Alvin "Woody" Moss, MD, Co-founder of National POLST Paradigm Task Force and Director of the Center of Health Ethics & Law, West Virginia University.

### **Membership**

As a member of the Georgia POLST Collaborative, you or a representative from your organization are encouraged to attend all quarterly meetings of the Collaborative and interact with the membership.

*The member network holds valuable opportunities for expanding your professional contacts and learning from peers about their practices related to POLST. The Georgia POLST Collaborative's membership represents a vast network of individuals and organizations invested in quality end-of-life care for Georgians.*

### **Representation & Advocacy**

Become part of the collective voice for end-of-life care. The Collaborative promotes your professional interests through representation, education, and advocacy on behalf of physicians and industry professionals in the area of Advance Care Planning and documentation.

### **Communications & Resources**

Stay informed about current issues in end-of-life care through regular e-mail alerts and online resources in the Resources section of the Georgia POLST website.

### **Leadership Opportunities**

Opportunities for leadership and involvement in the strategic direction of the organization.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Corporations	\$150
Government Agencies	\$75
Not-for-Profits	\$75
Individuals	\$50

## **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

### **Corporations**

A healthcare corporation or organization interested in promoting the mission and participating in activities of the Georgia POLST Collaborative may join and extend membership benefits to two individuals within its organization; and a long-term care facility, hospice, hospital, or assisted living facility may join as an entity and extend membership benefits to two individuals involved in the clinical or administrative functions of that facility.

### **Government Agencies**

Any government agency may join as an entity and extend the benefits of active membership to two individuals involved in that agency.

### **Not-for-Profits**

Any not-for-profit agency may join as an entity and extend the benefits of active membership to two individuals involved in that agency.

### **Individuals**

Individuals from the general public or clergy involved in or interested in end of life issues may join under this category.

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITES TO SUPPORT THE GEORGIA POLST COLLABORATIVE**

Become a:

**Donor**  
\$250 or \$500

**Sponsor**  
Diamond \$10,000  
Gold \$ 5,000  
Silver \$ 2,500

Sponsors will be recognized at all functions, on letterhead, and on the Georgia POLST website.

Donors will be recognized on the organization's website.

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT!**

To join the Georgia POLST Collaborative, please submit your completed membership application with payment made payable to *Georgia Health Decisions*:

Georgia POLST Collaborative  
c/o Georgia Health Decisions  
Attn: Beverly Tyler  
158 Adair Street  
Decatur, GA Atlanta, GA 30030  
Email: [ghdatl@mindspring.com](mailto:ghdatl@mindspring.com)

**RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT!**

The annual Georgia POLST Collaborative membership term is the calendar year.



Georgia POLST Collaborative  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**New Member**

**Renewing Member**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Corporations (\$150)

Government Agencies (\$75)

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Individuals (\$50)

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