POLST Statue SB 109 April 2015

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Foundations of SB109

- · Ga. CPR Statue
 - O.C.G.A. §31-39-1) (2010)
- · Ga. AD Statue
 - O.C.G.A. §31-32-1 (2007)
- Ga. POLST Statue
 - O.C.G.A. § 29-4-18 (i) (2010)
 - Authorized DPH to create the POLST
 - 2012 DPH published the POLST Form __P**Q**LST

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- Definitions
 - "Authorized Person" may consent, Code Section 31-39-2
- POLST Form
 - Reaffirms the creation by DPH
- Effective when
 - Patient has a serious illness or condition, (365 days)
 - At any time when a person has Dementia or a progressive, degenerative disease affect the brain and memory

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- A legally sufficient order in
 - •All Settings
 - Valid consent
 - Unless revoked
 - •From another state
 - If substantially similar & with the same signatures
 - •A copy

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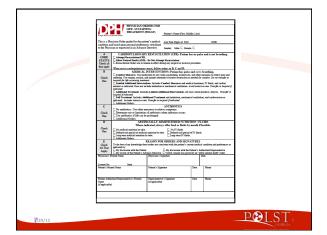
- Portable Across Care Settings
 - Review of form recommended as care transitions
- Immunity For All, including guardian actions
 - Protections for treating pain
 - Except if violates Code Section 16-5-5
 - Assisted Suicide

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- Equates Terms **DNR=AND** etc.
- All **conflicting laws** or parts are repealed
- Most recent document is the valid one???
 - Not addressed but implied

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Georgia POLST Form

Five Sections

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Medical Interventions
- Antibiotics
- Artificially Administered Nutrition
- Signatures

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Signatures

- Two Required
 - Patient & Physician OR
 - Authorized Person / Healthcare Advocate
 & Physician OR
 - Two physicians
- Remember
 - Physician must be on the staff of the institution honoring the POLST

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End-of-Life Documents Are Activated

When, in the judgment/agreement of two physicians, one of "three conditions" are met:

- Patient is in the last year of their life / a Terminal Condition
- Patient is in a permanent state of unconsciousness
- Medical judgment that CPR would be inappropriate

