

**MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL ORDERS  
for LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT**

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Patient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Record Number if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Every patient should receive full attention to comfort.*

- This form should be signed based on goals of care discussions between the patient (or patient's representative signing below) and the signing clinician.
- Sections A–C are valid orders only if Sections D and E are complete. Section F is valid only if Sections G and H are complete.
- If any section is not completed, there is no limitation on the treatment indicated in that section.
- The form is effective immediately upon signature. Photocopy, fax or electronic copies of properly signed MOLST forms are valid.

<p><b>A</b></p> <p>Mark one circle →</p>	<p><b>CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION: for a patient in cardiac or respiratory arrest</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> Do Not Resuscitate                 <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="radio"/> Attempt Resuscitation</span> </p>
<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Mark one circle →</p>	<p><b>VENTILATION: for a patient in respiratory distress</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> Do Not Intubate and Ventilate                 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="radio"/> Intubate and Ventilate</span> </p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> Do Not Use Non-invasive Ventilation (e.g. CPAP)                 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="radio"/> Use Non-invasive Ventilation (e.g. CPAP)</span> </p>
<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Mark one circle →</p>	<p><b>TRANSFER TO HOSPITAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> Do Not Transfer to Hospital (<i>unless needed for comfort</i>)                 <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="radio"/> Transfer to Hospital</span> </p>
<p>PATIENT or patient's representative signature</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p><i>Required</i></p> <p>Mark one circle and fill in every line for valid Page 1.</p>	<p>Mark one circle below to indicate who is signing Section D:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> Patient                 <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Health Care Agent</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Guardian*</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Parent/Guardian* of minor</span> </p> <p>Signature of patient confirms this form was signed of patient's own free will and reflects his/her wishes and goals of care as expressed to the Section E signer. Signature by the patient's representative (indicated above) confirms that this form reflects his/her assessment of the patient's wishes and goals of care, or if those wishes are unknown, his/her assessment of the patient's best interests. <i>*A guardian can sign only to the extent permitted by MA law. Consult legal counsel with questions about a guardian's authority.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> </p> <p>Signature of Patient (or Person Representing the Patient) <span style="float: right;">Date of Signature</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> </p> <p>Legible Printed Name of Signer <span style="float: right;">Telephone Number of Signer</span></p>
<p>CLINICIAN signature</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p><i>Required</i></p> <p>Fill in every line for valid Page 1.</p>	<p>Signature of physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant confirms that this form accurately reflects his/her discussion(s) with the signer in Section D.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> </p> <p>Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant <span style="float: right;">Date and Time of Signature</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 45%;"></span> </p> <p>Legible Printed Name of Signer <span style="float: right;">Telephone Number of Signer</span></p>
<p><b>Optional</b></p> <p>Expiration date (if any) and other information</p>	<p>This form does not expire unless expressly stated. <i>Expiration date (if any) of this form:</i> _____</p> <p>Health Care Agent Printed Name _____ Telephone Number _____</p> <p>Primary Care Provider Printed Name _____ Telephone Number _____</p>

**SEND THIS FORM WITH THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES.**  
HIPAA permits disclosure of MOLST to health care providers as necessary for treatment.

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient's DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Record # if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

<b>F</b>	Statement of Patient Preferences for Other Medically-Indicated Treatments		
	<b>INTUBATION AND VENTILATION</b>		
Mark one circle →	<input type="radio"/> Refer to Section B on Page 1	<input type="radio"/> Use intubation and ventilation as marked in Section B, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
<b>G</b>	<b>NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION (e.g. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure - CPAP)</b>		
	Mark one circle →	<input type="radio"/> Refer to Section B on Page 1	<input type="radio"/> Use non-invasive ventilation as marked in Section B, but short term only
<b>G</b>	<b>DIALYSIS</b>		
	Mark one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No dialysis	<input type="radio"/> Use dialysis <input type="radio"/> Use dialysis, but short term only
<b>G</b>	<b>ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION</b>		
	Mark one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No artificial nutrition	<input type="radio"/> Use artificial nutrition <input type="radio"/> Use artificial nutrition, but short term only
<b>G</b>	<b>ARTIFICIAL HYDRATION</b>		
	Mark one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No artificial hydration	<input type="radio"/> Use artificial hydration <input type="radio"/> Use artificial hydration, but short term only
Other treatment preferences specific to the patient's medical condition and care _____ _____ _____			

<b>PATIENT</b> or patient's representative signature  <b>G</b> <i>Required</i>	Mark one circle below to indicate who is signing Section G: <input type="radio"/> Patient <input type="radio"/> Health Care Agent <input type="radio"/> Guardian* <input type="radio"/> Parent/Guardian* of minor		
	Signature of patient confirms this form was signed of patient's own free will and reflects his/her wishes and goals of care as expressed to the Section H signer. Signature by the patient's representative (indicated above) confirms that this form reflects his/her assessment of the patient's wishes and goals of care, or if those wishes are unknown, his/her assessment of the patient's best interests. <i>*A guardian can sign only to the extent permitted by MA law. Consult legal counsel with questions about a guardian's authority.</i>		
Mark one circle and fill in every line for valid Page 2.	Signature of Patient (or Person Representing the Patient)	Date of Signature	
	Legible Printed Name of Signer	Telephone Number of Signer	

<b>CLINICIAN</b> signature  <b>H</b> <i>Required</i> Fill in every line for valid Page 2.	Signature of physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant confirms that this form accurately reflects his/her discussion(s) with the signer in Section G.		
	Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant	Date and Time of Signature	
	Legible Printed Name of Signer	Telephone Number of Signer	

**Additional Instructions For Health Care Professionals**

- Follow orders listed in A, B and C and honor preferences listed in F until there is an opportunity for a clinician to review as described below.
- Any change to this form requires the form to be voided and a new form to be signed. To void the form, write VOID in large letters across both sides of the form. *If no new form is completed, no limitations on treatment are documented and full treatment may be provided.*
- Re-discuss the patient's goals for care and treatment preferences as clinically appropriate to disease progression, at transfer to a new care setting or level of care, or if preferences change. Revise the form when needed to accurately reflect treatment preferences.
- The patient or health care agent (if the patient lacks capacity), guardian\*, or parent/guardian\* of a minor can revoke the MOLST form at any time and/or request and receive previously refused medically-indicated treatment. *\*A guardian can sign only to the extent permitted by MA law. Consult legal counsel with questions about a guardian's authority.*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS MOLST

The Massachusetts MOLST form is a MA DPH-approved standardized medical order form for use by licensed Massachusetts physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

While MOLST use expands in Massachusetts, health care providers are encouraged to inform patients that EMTs honor MOLST statewide, but that systems to honor MOLST may still be in development in some Massachusetts health care institutions.

### PRINTING THE MASSACHUSETTS MOLST FORM

- Do not alter the MOLST form. EMTs have been trained to recognize and honor the standardized MOLST form. The best way to assure that MOLST orders are followed by emergency medical personnel is to download and reproduce the standardized form found on the MOLST web site.
- Print original Massachusetts MOLST forms on bright or fluorescent pink paper for maximum visibility. Astrobrights® Pulsar Pink\* is the color highly recommended for original MOLST forms. EMTs are trained to look for the bright pink MOLST form before initiating life-sustaining treatment with patients.
- Print the MOLST form (pages 1 and 2) as a double-sided form on a single sheet of paper.
- Provide an electronic version of the downloaded MOLST form to your institution's forms department or to personnel responsible for copying/providing forms in your institution.

### FOR CLINICIANS: BEFORE USING MOLST

MOLST requires a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant signature to be valid. This signature confirms that the MOLST accurately reflects *the signing clinician's discussion(s) with the patient*. The MOLST form should be filled out and signed only after in-depth conversation between the patient and the clinician signer.

Before using MOLST:

- Access the *Clinician Checklist for Using MOLST with Patients* at: <http://www.molst-ma.org/health-care-professionals/guidance-for-using-molst-forms-with-patients>.
- Listen to *MOLST Overview for Health Professionals* at: <http://www.molst-ma.org/molst-training-line>.
- Access the MOLST website at: <http://www.molst-ma.org> periodically for MOLST form updates.
- For more information about Massachusetts MOLST or the Massachusetts MOLST form, visit <http://www.molst-ma.org>.

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Staples - Item #491620 Wausau™ Astrobrights® Colored Paper, 8 1/2" x 11", 24 Lb, Pulsar Pink, in stores or at <http://www.staples.com>, and

Office Depot – Item #420919 Astrobrights® Bright Color Paper, 8 1/2 x 11, 24 Lb, FSC Certified Pulsar Pink, in stores or at <http://www.officedepot.com>.