# **Patient Information**

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE INFORMATION REQUESTED

Date:	···				
Title: O Mrs. O Ms. O M	lr. ○ Dr. Date of Bi	rth:	Sex:		
Name:					
i		City:			
State:	Zip:	Social Security #:			
Home:	Cell:	Work:	Ext:		
Marital Status: M S W	D Driver's License/ID:_				
Primary Language:		Race/Ethnicity:			
Pharmacy Name:		Email:			
Emergency Contact:	Phone Number:				
Relationship to Patient:					
	Insurance	<u>Information</u>			
Primary Insurance:		Insured Name:			
Member ID:		_Group:	Plan Code:		
Relationship to Patient:		Subscriber DOB:			
Secondary Insurance:		Insured Name:			
Member ID:	Group:		Plan Code:		
Relationship to Patient:		Subscriber DOB:			
Signature:		Date:			
		ative Parent or Guardian of			

# PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Patient's Name:	Date of Bi	rth:Today's Date:	
Past Medical History			
Previous Physician's Name:		Date of last exam:	_
Have you ever been hospitalized?	○ Yes ○	No If yes, what for?	
Have you ever been tested for hepatitis	s A, B, or C? Yes	No Which Hepatitis virus?	
Have you been vaccinated for Hepatitis	B? Yes No	If yes, date vaccine series completed:	
Have you been vaccinated for Hepatitis	A? Yes No	If yes, date vaccine series completed:	
Last Tuberculosis(TB) screening?		Result of chest X-ray: OPositive Negative	
If positive TB screen, date of last chest	x-ray:	Result of TB Screening: OPositive Negative	
Have you had a sexually transmitted dis	sease? OYes ONo	Diagnosis:	~~~~~
Which of the following conditions ar	e you currently being t	reated or have been treated for in the past(PLEASE CHE	CK)
Heart disease/murmur/angina	○Sinus problems		
○High cholesterol	○Seasonal allergi	es Psychiatric care	
○High blood pressure	<b>○</b> Tonsillitis	○Diabetes	
OLow blood pressure	<b>○</b> Ear problems	○Kidney/bladder problems	
○Heartburn (reflux)	○Eye disorder/gla	aucoma OLiver problems/hepatitis	
OAnemia or blood problems	Seizures	○Arthritis	
Swollen ankles	○Stroke	<b>○</b> Cancer	
○Shortness of breath	○Headaches/Mig	raines OUlcers/colitis	
Asthma	ONeurological pr	oblems OThyroid problems	
OLung problems/cough			
Please describe any current or pa	st medical treatment	not listed above:	
Please list your past surgeries:			
		4414	
Allergies Are you allergic to penicillin or an Please List all Medications you take:	y other drugs? 🔘 Ye	es No Other:	

## PATIENT HISTORY FORM

#### **Social and Preventive History**

Do you currently smoke or chew tobacco?	Yes ○ No If no, have you in the past? ○ Yes ○ No
Do you drink alcohol, beer, or wine? O Yes	
Do you currently drink coffee and/or tea? (	Yes No If yes, how many cups per day?
Do you exercise daily/weekly? OYes No	
Family History	
Living Age(or age at o	leath) List serious illnesses
Mother OYES ONO	
E II OLEGO OLIG	
Sisters OYES ONO	
Brothers OYES ONO	
Has any member of your family(including	ng children and parents) had any of the following illnesses:
Anemia or blood disease	
Cancer	
Dishatas	
Diabetes	Mental Illness/Depression
Glaucoma	Mental Illness/DepressionStroke
	Mental Illness/DepressionStroke
Glaucoma Heart Disease Females: Gynecological History	Mental Illness/Depression Stroke Other serious illness
Glaucoma_ Heart Disease_  Females: Gynecological History How many times have you been pregnant?_	Mental Illness/DepressionStrokeOther serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear:
Glaucoma Heart Disease Females: Gynecological History	Mental Illness/DepressionStrokeOther serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear:
GlaucomaHeart Disease	Mental Illness/Depression Stroke Other serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear: ES \ NO \ Diagnosis: Follow-Up: Mammogram results:
GlaucomaHeart Disease	Mental Illness/DepressionStrokeOther serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear:
Glaucoma Heart Disease  Females: Gynecological History How many times have you been pregnant? Have you had an abnormal Pap Smear?  OY Date of last mammogram: Have you ever had a breast biopsy?  OYES (	Mental Illness/DepressionStrokeOther serious illness
Glaucoma	Mental Illness/Depression Stroke Other serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear: ES \ NO \ Diagnosis: Follow-Up: Mammogram results:
Females: Gynecological History  How many times have you been pregnant?_  Have you had an abnormal Pap Smear?	Mental Illness/Depression Stroke Other serious illness  Date of last Pap Smear: ES ONO Diagnosis: Mammogram results: ONO Biopsy result:
Glaucoma	Mental Illness/DepressionStrokeOther serious illness

# PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

# I HAVE RECEIVED THE NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AND I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT.

<del></del>	 _	
DATE OF BIRTH		
PRINT PATIENT NAME		
PATIENT SIGNATURE		
DATE		

1180 N. INDIAN CANYON, E420 PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

#### DR. AGARWAL

7281 DUMOSA AVE, STE 2 YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284

Phone: (760) 778 7147 Fax: (760) 699 8675

#### AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

Patient's Name :	Date of Birth:	Social Se	ecurity:		
I request and authorize	to release	to release healthcare information of the patient named			
above to:					
Name:					
Address:					
Phone:	Fax:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:		
This request and authorization	applies to;				
☐ Healthcare information rela	ting to the following treatment, con-	dition, or dates:			
☐ All Healthcare information	for the last 2 years $\Box$ Lab Results $\Box$	X-Rays & Radiolo	gy Reports □ Medication Lis		
☐ Information relating to sexu	ally transmitted disease, acquired in	nmunodeficiency s	syndrome (AIDS), or human		
immunodeficiency virus (HIV	y). It may also include information a	bout treatment for	alcohol and drug abuse,		
and/or behavioral/mental heal	th services.				
□ Other:					
This authorization will remain	n in effect:				
* From the date of this author	ization until:				
* Until the following event oc	ecurs:				
Unless otherwise noted	above this authorization will rem	ain in effect 90 da	ny from the date signed.		
Signature of Patient or Legal	Representative	Date			
Print Name					
2 AT					
MYMD 24	1180 N. Indian Cyn. Ste E- 420	PHONE 760-778-7			
LIVE	Palm Springs CA 92262	P.S FAX 760-699-8 Y.V FAX 760-365-5			
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# INSURANCE WAIVER AND DME/SERVICE WAIVER

DATE	DATE OF BIRTH
I,	, understand that if I am not ve or my insurance has changed or responsible for me will assume full responsibly
THIS OFFICE/DOCTOR AND IF I AM I WILL BE OR THE PERSON FINACIA	O REQUIRES ME TO BE ASSIGNED TO NO ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICE/DOCTOR, ALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ME WILL OR ALL CHARGES INCURRED BY MYSELF.
will pay in full all such charges. I also	or the person financially responsible for me) understand that any co-pay that applies to 0 days, and that I am responsible for paying
Patient's Signature	Date

## **ADVANCED DIRECTIVE NOTIFICATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING ADVANCED DIRECTIVES.

I UNDERSTAND, SHOULD I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, THAT I MAY DISCUSS ADVANCED DIRECTIVE ISSUES WITH MY PHYSICIAN.

PATIENT SIGNATURE

DATE

Dimple Agarwal, MD

#### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

#### PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

#### 1. OUR PLEDGE REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION.

The privacy of your medical information is important to us. We understand that your medical information is personal and we are committed to protecting it. We create a record of the care and services you receive at our organization. We need this record to provide you with quality care to comply with certain legal requirements. This notice will tell you about the ways we may use and share medical information with you. We also describe your rights and certain duties we have regarding the use and disclosure of medical information.

#### 2. OUR LEGAL DUTY

#### LAW REQUIRES US TO:

- 1. Keep your medical information private.
- 2. Give you this notice describing our legal duties, privacy practices, and your rights regarding your medical information.
- 3. Follow the terms of the notice that is now in effect.

#### WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, provided that the changes are permitted by law
- 2. Make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our notice effective for all medical information that we keep, including information previously created or received before the changes.

#### NOTICE OF CHANGE TO PRIVACY PRACTICES:

 Before we make an important change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and make a new notice available upon request.

#### 3. USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION

The following section describes different ways that we use and disclose medical information. Not every use or disclosure will be listed. However, we have listed all of the different ways we are permitted to use and disclose medical information. We will not use or disclose your medical information for any purpose not listed below without your specific written authorization. Any specific written authorization you provide may be revoked at any time by writing to us.

FOR TREATMENT: We may use medical information about you to provide you with medical treatment or services. We may disclose medical information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or other people who are taking care of you. We may also share medical information about you to your other health care providers to assist them in treating your.

FOR PAYMENT: We may use and disclose your medical information for payment purposes.

FOR HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS: We may use and disclose your medical information for our health care operations. This might include measuring and improving quality, evaluation the performance of employees, conducting training programs, and getting the accreditation, certificates, licenses and credentials we need to serve you.

ADDITIONAL USES AND DISCLOSURES: In addition to using and disclosing your medical information for treatment, and health care operations, we may use and disclose medical information for the following purposes.

NOTIFICATION: Medical information to notify or help notify: a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care. We will share information about your location, general condition, or death. If you are present, we will get your permission if possible before we share, or give you the opportunity to refuse permission. In case of emergency, and if you are not able to give or refuse permission, we will share only the health information that is directly necessary for your health care, according to our professional judgment. We will also use our professional judgment to make decisions in your best interest about allowing someone to pick up medicine, medical supplies, x-ray or medical information for you.

DISASTER RELIEF: Medical information with a public or private organization or person who can leagally assist in disaster relief efforts.

RESEARCH LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES: Medical information for research purposes in limited circumstances were the research has been approved by a review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of medical information,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR, CORONER, MEDICAL EXAMINER: To help them carry out their duties, we may share the medical information of a person who has died with a coroner, medical examiner, funeral director, or an organ procurement organization.

SPECIALIZED GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS: Subject to certain requirements, we may disclose or use health information for military personnel and veterans, for national security and intelligence activities, for protective services for the President and others, for medical suitability determination for the Department of State, for correctional institutions and other law enforcement custodial situations, and for government programs providing public benefits.

COUR ORDERS AND JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS: We may disclose medical information in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, under certain circumstances. Under limited circumstances, such as a court order, warrant, or grand jury subpoena, we may share your medical information with law enforcement officials. We may share limited information, with a law enforcement official concerning the medical information of a inmate or other person in lawful custody with a law enforcement official or correctional institution under certain circumstances.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES: As required by law, we may disclose your medical information to public or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, including child abuse or neglect. We may also disclose your medical information to persons subject to jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of reporting adverse events associated with product defects or problems, to enable product recalls, repairs or replacements, to tract products, or to conduct activities required by the Food and Drug Administration. We may also, when we are authorized by law to do so, notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

VICTIMS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: We may disclose medical information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, or the possible victim of other crimes. We may share your medical information, if necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. We may share medical information when necessary to help law enforcement officials capture a person who has admitted to being part of a crime or has escaped from legal custody.

WORKERS COMPENSATION: We may disclose health information when authorized and necessary to comply with laws relating to workers compensation or other similar programs.

HEALTH OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES: We may disclose medical information to an agency providing health oversight for oversight activities authorized by law, including audits, civil administrative, or criminal investigations or proceedings, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions, or other authorized activities.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Under certain circumstances, we may disclose health information to law enforcement officials. These circumstances include reporting required by certain laws (such as the reporting of certain types of wounds), pursuant to certain subpoenas or court orders, reporting limited information concerning identification

and location at the request of a law enforcement official, reports, regarding suspected victims of crimes at the request of a law enforcement official, reporting death, crimes on our premises, and crimes in emergencies.

#### 3. YOUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

#### YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- 1. Look at or get copies of your medical information. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless it is not practical for us to do so. You must make your request in writing. You may get the form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of this notice. You may also request access by sending a letter to the contact person listed at the end of this notice. If you request copies, we will charge depending on how many pages your chart is, and postage if you want the copies mailed to you. Contact us using the information listed at the end of this notice for a full explanation of our fee structure.
- 2. Receive a list of all the times we or our business associates shared your medical information for purposes other than treatment, payment, and health care operations and other specified exceptions.
- 3. Request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your medical information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in case of an emergency).
- 4. Request that we communicate with you about your medical information by different means or to different locations. Your request that we communicate your medical information to you by different means or at different locations must be made in writing to the contact person listed at the end of this notice.
- 5. Request that we change your medical information. We may deny your request if we did not creat the information you wanted changed or for certain other reasons. If we deny your request, we will provide you with a written explanation. You may respond with a statement of disagreement that will be added to the information you wanted changed. If we accept your request to change the information, we will make reasonable efforts to tell others, including people you name, of the change and to include the changes in any future sharing of that information.

#### QUESITONS AND COMPLAINTS

If you have any questions about this notice or if you think that we may have violated your privacy rights, please contact us. You may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint.

#### \*\*\*\*PATIENT COPIES\*\*\*\*

#### **ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

#### WHAT IS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

An advance directive is a written document that describes an individual's choice about how health care decisions should be made in the future if the individual is unable to provide that information. Examples of advance directives include durable power of attorney for health care and living wills. They often address end-of-life issues. The federal Patient Self Determination Act requires most facilities/homes to provide information to residents about advance directives. The Act also gives each resident the right to choose whether or not to make an advance directive.

#### WHO HAS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO A RESIDENT ABOUT ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?

The federal Patient Self Determination Act requires all health care providers who participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program to provide information to residents about advance directives, and to give them an opportunity to execute advance directives if they choose to do so.

#### WHEN SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE IMPLEMENTING AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

Even when the resident's current medical event is addressed by the resident's advance directive, the provider and staff must first inform the resident or the resident's legal decision maker about possible treatment before implementation of the advance directive.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO IN AN EMERGENCY IF I CANNOT OBTAIN AN INFORMED CONSENT DECISION?

RCW 7.70.050 allows a provider to implement an advance directive in good faith if, in an emergency, the provider cannot obtain an informed consent decision due to the incompetence of the resident or the unavailability of the legal decision maker. Because some assessment and decisions about end-of-life issues may only be made by a licensed practitioner, please contact your attorney for more specific information, including any questions about scope of practice issues.

#### IS THERE A SPECIFIC FORM REQUIRED FOR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?

No. A specific form is not required for advance directives. There are forms available that you may access and use but no specific form is required.

#### WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY/HOME ON HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKING ISSUES?

All long-term care facilities/homes must have operational policies and procedures directing staff how to handle a resident's medical emergency, including informed consent and implementation of advance directives. This also includes the use of the POLST form if the resident has one.

#### ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT RELATED ISSUES THAT I NEED TO CONSIDER?

All long-term care facilities/homes must assess resident's cognitive capacity and identify whether the resident or someone else has the authority to make health care decisions for the individual. Part of this process would involve 1) determining whether the resident has executed an advance directive, and if the advance directive is in effect, and 2) if the resident will not be making his or her own decisions, identifying the appropriate surrogate decision maker. This information should be documented in the resident's record.

#### SHOULD ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND ANY POLST FORM BE ACCESSIBLE?

Yes. Both should be kept in a place easily accessible by anyone who has the right to or need for that information. The Washington State Medical Association recommends the POLST form being the first document in the resident's record. If this type of document is kept in the same place for each resident, then staff or anyone else who has the

right to the information will be able to quickly access the information. For example, the facility/home might decide that residents' POLST form will be the top document in each resident's file.

#### CAN I BE A POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR A RESIDENT?

Owners, operators, administrators and employees of a long term care facility/home where a resident resides cannot act as power of attorney for the resident unless they are also the spouse, adult child or brother or sister of the resident. (RCW 11.94.010)

#### INFORMED CONSENT

#### WHAT IS INFORMED CONSENT AND WHO MUST BE GIVEN INFORMED CONSENT?

The law (chapter 7.70 RCW) provides everyone with the right to be fully informed of health care issues that have the potential to affect their lives. As part of the informed consent process, the health care provider must tell individuals about the risks and benefits of certain actions or treatments, and about the risk of not having treatment. Actions or treatments that inquire informed consent include decisions about what medication to take, whether to change medical treatment, or how to handle life threatening problems. Except in an emergency, informed consent must be given before a health care decision is made, whether or not the person has an advance directive.

#### WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION A PERSON NEEDS IN ORDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION?

Usually the information should be provided by the practitioner who orders the medication or treatment in question. RCW 7.70.020 gives health care providers the authority to give the information. Health care providers are defined as persons, including physicians and nurses, licensed by this state to provide health care or related services. If the health care provider's license gives him/her the scope of practice to provide informed consent information, then he or she may do so.

# WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AN INFORMED CONSENT DECISION FOR HEALTH CARE WHEN A RESIDENT IS NOT COMPETENT?

The state law regarding informed consent (RCW 7.70.065) lists, in the order of priority, the persons authorized to provide informed consent for health care on behalf of individuals who are not competent to consent themselves. Long term care facilities and other health care providers are required to use this list to determine the appropriate surrogate decision maker.

- The appointed guardian of the patient, if any;
- The individual, if any, to whom the patient has given a durable power of attorney that encompasses the authority to make health care decisions (DPOAHC);
- The patient's spouse;
- · Children of the patient who are at least eighteen years of age;
- Parents of the patient; and
- Adult brothers and sisters of the patient.

#### MAY NIECES OR NEPHEWS MAKE INFORMED CONSENT DECISIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL?

Since nieces and nephews are not on the list of surrogate decisions makers, they may only make informed consent decisions if they have been appointed guardian for the individual, or if the individual has designated them as durable power of attorney for health care decisions.



# California Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment



- Use this tool to identify asymptomatic <u>adults</u> for latent TB infection (LTBI) testing.
- Do not repeat testing unless there are <u>new</u> risk factors since the last test.
- Do not treat for LTBI until active TB disease has been excluded: For patients with TB symptoms or an abnormal chest x-ray consistent with active TB disease, evaluate for active TB disease with a chest x-ray, symptom screen, and if indicated, sputum AFB smears, cultures and nucleic acid amplification testing. A negative tuberculin skin test or interferon gamma release assay does not rule out active TB disease.

LTBI testing is recommended if any of the boxes below are checked.					
<ul> <li>□ Birth, travel, or residence in a country with an elevated TB rate for at least 1 month</li> <li>• Includes any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or a country in western or northern Europe</li> <li>• If resources require prioritization within this group, prioritize patients with at least one medical risk for progression (see the California Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide for this list).</li> <li>• Interferon Gamma Release Assay is preferred over Tuberculin Skin Test for non-U.Sborn persons ≥2 years old</li> </ul>					
Immunosuppression, current or planned HIV infection, organ transplant recipient, treated with TNF-alpha antagonist (e.g., infliximab, etanercept, others), steroids (equivalent of prednisone ≥15 mg/day for ≥1 month) or other immunosuppressive medication					
☐ Close contact to someone with infectious TB disease during lifetime					
Treat for LTBI if LTBI test result is positive and active TB disease is ruled out.					
☐ <b>None</b> ; no TB testing is indicated at this time.					
Provider Name:Dimple Agarwal, MD	Patient Name:				
Assessment Date:	Date of Birth:				

See the California Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide for more information about using this tool. To ensure you have the most current version, go to the TB RISK ASSESSMENT page (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/TB-Risk-Assessment.aspx)



Name: Date:

### PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how by any of the following pro (Use "" to indicate your an		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure i	n doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed,	or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying a	asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little	e energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	g	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yoursel have let yourself or your fa	f — or that you are a failure or amily down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on newspaper or watching te		0	1	2	3
noticed? Or the opposite	wly that other people could have — being so fidgety or restless g around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
<b>9.</b> Thoughts that you would be yourself in some way	be better off dead or of hurting	0	1	2	3
	For office co	DDING <u>0</u> +	+	· +	
			=	Total Score	:
	olems, how <u>difficult</u> have these t home, or get along with othe		ade it for	you to do y	our/
Not difficult at all □	Somewhat Very Extremel difficult difficult difficult				

#### HIPAA PERMITS DISCLOSURE OF POLST TO OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AS NECESSAR **Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST** Patient Last Name: Date Form Prepared: First follow these orders, then contact Physician/NP/PA. A copy of the signed POLST Patient First Name: form is a legally valid physician order. Any section Patient Date of Birth: not completed implies full treatment for that section. POLST complements an Advance Directive and Patient Middle Name: Medical Record #: (optional) EMSA #111 B is not intended to replace that document. (Effective 4/1/2017)\* CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR): If patient has no pulse and is not breathing. Α If patient is NOT in cardiopulmonary arrest, follow orders in Sections B and C. Check ☐ Attempt Resuscitation/CPR (Selecting CPR in Section A <u>requires</u> selecting Full Treatment in Section B) One ☐ Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/DNR (Allow Natural Death) **MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS:** If patient is found with a pulse and/or is breathing. В ☐ Full Treatment – primary goal of prolonging life by all medically effective means. Check In addition to treatment described in Selective Treatment and Comfort-Focused Treatment, use intubation. One advanced airway interventions, mechanical ventilation, and cardioversion as indicated. ☐ Trial Period of Full Treatment. ☐ Selective Treatment – goal of treating medical conditions while avoiding burdensome measures. In addition to treatment described in Comfort-Focused Treatment, use medical treatment, IV antibiotics, and IV fluids as indicated. Do not intubate. May use non-invasive positive airway pressure. Generally avoid intensive care. Request transfer to hospital only if comfort needs cannot be met in current location. ☐ Comfort-Focused Treatment – primary goal of maximizing comfort. Relieve pain and suffering with medication by any route as needed; use oxygen, suctioning, and manual treatment of airway obstruction. Do not use treatments listed in Full and Selective Treatment unless consistent with comfort goal. Request transfer to hospital only if comfort needs cannot be met in current location. Additional Orders: **ARTIFICIALLY ADMINISTERED NUTRITION:** Offer food by mouth if feasible and desired. Long-term artificial nutrition, including feeding tubes. Additional Orders: Check One ☐ Trial period of artificial nutrition, including feeding tubes. □ No artificial means of nutrition, including feeding tubes. **INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES:** D Discussed with: ☐ Patient (Patient Has Capacity) □ Legally Recognized Decisionmaker Health Care Agent if named in Advance Directive: \_, available and reviewed > ☐ Advance Directive dated Name: ☐ Advance Directive not available Phone: □ No Advance Directive Signature of Physician / Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant (Physician/NP/PA) My signature below indicates to the best of my knowledge that these orders are consistent with the patient's medical condition and preferences. Print Physician/NP/PA Name: Physician/NP/PA Phone #: Physician/PA License #, NP Cert. #: 7607787147 Physician/NP/PA Signature: (required) Date: Signature of Patient or Legally Recognized Decisionmaker

I am aware that this form is voluntary. By signing this form, the legally recognized decisionmaker acknowledges that this request regarding resuscitative measures is consistent with the known desires of, and with the best interest of, the individual who is the subject of the form.

Print Name:

Relationship: (write self if patient)

Signature: (required)

Date:

Your POLST may be added to a secure electronic registry to be accessible by health providers, as permitted by HIPAA.

SEND FORM WITH PATIENT WHENEVER TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED

HIPAA PERMITS DISCLOSURE OF POLST TO OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AS NECESSARY								
Patient Information								
Name (last, first, middle):				Date of Birth:		G	ender:	
							M	F
NP/PA's Supervising Physician			Preparer Na	me (if other th	nan signing P	hysicia	an/NP/PA)	
Name:			Name/Title:			Phone	e #:	
Additional Contact	□ None							
Name:		Relations	ship to Patient:		Phone #:			

#### **Directions for Health Care Provider**

#### **Completing POLST**

- Completing a POLST form is voluntary. California law requires that a POLST form be followed by healthcare providers, and provides immunity to those who comply in good faith. In the hospital setting, a patient will be assessed by a physician, or a nurse practitioner (NP) or a physician assistant (PA) acting under the supervision of the physician, who will issue appropriate orders that are consistent with the patient's preferences.
- **POLST does not replace the Advance Directive**. When available, review the Advance Directive and POLST form to ensure consistency, and update forms appropriately to resolve any conflicts.
- POLST must be completed by a health care provider based on patient preferences and medical indications.
- A legally recognized decisionmaker may include a court-appointed conservator or guardian, agent designated in an Advance Directive, orally designated surrogate, spouse, registered domestic partner, parent of a minor, closest available relative, or person whom the patient's physician/NP/PA believes best knows what is in the patient's best interest and will make decisions in accordance with the patient's expressed wishes and values to the extent known.
- A legally recognized decisionmaker may execute the POLST form only if the patient lacks capacity or has designated that the decisionmaker's authority is effective immediately.
- To be valid a POLST form must be signed by (1) a physician, or by a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant acting under the supervision of a physician and within the scope of practice authorized by law and (2) the patient or decisionmaker. Verbal orders are acceptable with follow-up signature by physician/NP/PA in accordance with facility/community policy.
- If a translated form is used with patient or decisionmaker, attach it to the signed English POLST form.
- Use of original form is strongly encouraged. Photocopies and FAXes of signed POLST forms are legal and valid. A copy should be retained in patient's medical record, on Ultra Pink paper when possible.

#### **Using POLST**

• Any incomplete section of POLST implies full treatment for that section.

#### Section A:

• If found pulseless and not breathing, no defibrillator (including automated external defibrillators) or chest compressions should be used on a patient who has chosen "Do Not Attempt Resuscitation."

#### Section B:

- When comfort cannot be achieved in the current setting, the patient, including someone with "Comfort-Focused Treatment," should be transferred to a setting able to provide comfort (e.g., treatment of a hip fracture).
- Non-invasive positive airway pressure includes continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP), and bag valve mask (BVM) assisted respirations.
- IV antibiotics and hydration generally are not "Comfort-Focused Treatment."
- Treatment of dehydration prolongs life. If a patient desires IV fluids, indicate "Selective Treatment" or "Full Treatment."
- Depending on local EMS protocol, "Additional Orders" written in Section B may not be implemented by EMS personnel.

#### **Reviewing POLST**

It is recommended that POLST be reviewed periodically. Review is recommended when:

- The patient is transferred from one care setting or care level to another, or
- There is a substantial change in the patient's health status, or
- The patient's treatment preferences change.

#### **Modifying and Voiding POLST**

- A patient with capacity can, at any time, request alternative treatment or revoke a POLST by any means that indicates intent
  to revoke. It is recommended that revocation be documented by drawing a line through Sections A through D, writing "VOID"
  in large letters, and signing and dating this line.
- A legally recognized decisionmaker may request to modify the orders, in collaboration with the physician/NP/PA, based on the known desires of the patient or, if unknown, the patient's best interests.

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