



Georgia POLST Collaborative

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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[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 16 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

Annual POLST Collaborative Meeting

Professional education on current issues in end-of-life care. This year's Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, April 23, 2015** at the Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina. Members of the collaborative will be eligible to attend the meeting at a discounted member rate. The Annual POLST Conference provides an opportunity to personally interact with nationally renowned experts on end-of-life care. Previous meeting speakers include Patricia A. Bomba, MD and Ellen Goodman with the Conversation Project, and the 2015 conference keynote speaker will be Ira Byock, MD, author of "The Best Care Possible."

Membership

As a member of the Georgia POLST Collaborative you or a representative from your organization can attend all quarterly meetings of the Collaborative.

Support Network

Valuable opportunities for expanding your professional contacts and peer discussion. The Georgia POLST collaborative 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. We promote your professional interests through representation, education, and advocacy on behalf of physicians and industry professionals.

Communications & Resources

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

Leadership Opportunities

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Organizational Member	\$250
Facility Member	\$250
Healthcare Professional Member	\$50
General Member	\$50

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Organizational Member

A group or organization involved in end-of-life care and interested in promoting the mission and participating in activities of the Georgia POLST Collaborative may join and extend membership benefits to two members of that organization. The organization will be recognized on the POLST website.

Facility Member

A long-term care facility, hospice, hospital, assisted living facility, or government agency may join as an entity and extend the benefits of active membership to two individuals who are involved in the clinical or administrative functions of that facility. Individual representatives from a facility may include physicians, nurses, lead administrators, and owners. The facility will be recognized on the POLST website.

Healthcare Professional

Healthcare administrators and licensed healthcare professionals whose professional/clinical work includes end-of-life issues may join this category and may register for symposia at the member rate.

General Member

Members of the clergy and general public who have an interest in end-of-life issues are eligible for this category.

APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

To apply for membership in the GA POLST Collaborative, please submit your completed membership application with payment made payable to Georgia Health Decisions:

GA POLST Collaborative
C/O Georgia Health Decisions
Attn: Beverly Tyler
14 Marietta Street, NW #221
Atlanta, GA 30303
Ph: (404) 413-0288
Email: btyler@gsu.edu

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & TERMINATION

The annual GA POLST Collaborative membership term extends from January 1-December 31 each year.

Membership renewal notices will be mailed at the beginning of each year. Follow-up notices will be sent to unpaid members monthly for 6 months. A member in any category with outstanding dues may not register for the Annual Conference or other symposia at the member rate.

Members who were dropped for non-payment of dues may reinstate their membership by submitting a new application and applicable dues payment.



Georgia POLST Collaborative MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NEW MEMBER
 RENEWING MEMBER

Name: _____ Degree/Cert: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____
This is my: Work Home

City / State / Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Preferred Fax: _____
This is my: Work Home Mobile This is my: Work Home

Preferred E-Mail: _____

Position / Title: _____

Workplace: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Organizational Member (\$250)
 Facility Member (\$250)

ORGANIZATIONAL & FACILITY MEMBERSHIP
Organizational and facility memberships include membership for designated individuals. Please indicate their names, degrees, titles, and email addresses here. Please use a separate page if necessary.

Designee A: _____ Title: _____ Email: _____
Designee B: _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

Healthcare Professional Member (\$50)
 General Member (\$50)

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