

Response to Rossfeld (doi: 10.1089/jpm.2018.0286): Unadvanced Care Planning: A Palliative Play in One Act

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Dear Editor:

Dr. Rossfeld¹ noted Oregon as one of 12 states with an advance directive registry; however, Oregon does not have and never has had an advance directive registry. Oregon is featured in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) report for its development of the Oregon POLST Registry, which is a POLST-only repository.² No advance directives are contained in the Oregon POLST Registry.

The Oregon POLST Registry serves the needs of emergency medical services in the field. Emergency medical personnel must honor life-sustaining treatment orders executed on POLST forms. This does not include instructions for treatment on advance directives. We ask the *Journal of Palliative Medicine* to provide a correction instructing patients to submit a copy of their advance directive to the health system in which they receive care.

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