



POLST is far more than a CPR/DNR order set. For example, a *Journal of the American Medical Association* report in 2012 showed that 50% of patients who have POLST orders for “do not attempt resuscitation” have orders in section B, indicating instructions reflecting their desire to return to the hospital for further treatment (9).

Therefore, although we agree that a large-scale study to confirm that POLST forms accurately reflect the wishes of the patient would be a great addition to the current body of evidence, we also believe that the current evidence supports the use of POLST paradigm documents as the best practice for striving to honor patient preferences for or against various life-sustaining interventions as they approach the end of life.

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