

Oregon American College of Emergency Physicians Endorsement

Oregon ACEP Endorses Removal of Tube Feeding Section

"The Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Oregon ACEP) supports the elimination of the Section regarding "Artificially Administered Nutrition" from the Oregon Portable Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form. The Oregon POLST form is intended for emergency care, when seconds count. It is most helpful to Emergency Physicians and Staff that only the most immediately relevant information be highly visible and present on the Oregon POLST form. As important as artificially administered nutrition can be to subsequent recovery and healthcare decision-making, it is not relevant in the emergency care setting and is more appropriately addressed in an Advance Healthcare Directive."

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