

Oregon Geriatrics Society Endorsement

OGS Endorses Removal of Artificially Administered Nutrition from the Oregon POLST form

“The Oregon Geriatrics Society endorses the elimination of the Section on ‘Artificially Administered Nutrition’ from the newest Oregon Portable Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form. The POLST is designed to inform medical providers of wishes regarding emergency care. Thus it is most valuable to first responders, emergency department and hospital physicians and staff to include relevant and readily accessible information that is easily visible on the POLST form. As a Society we appreciate the importance of decisions regarding artificial means of nutrition, but agree that documentation of this decision does not belong on a form intended to guide emergent level care.”

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