

**MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL ORDERS  
for LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT**

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Patient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Record Number if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Every patient should receive full attention to comfort.*

- This form should be signed based on goals of care discussions between the patient (or patient's representative signing below) and the patient's clinician.
- Sections A–C are valid orders only if Sections D and E are complete. Section F is valid only if Sections G and H are complete.
- If a section is not completed, there is no limitation on the treatment indicated in that section.
- The form is effective immediately upon signature. Photocopy, fax or electronic copies of properly signed MOLST forms are valid.

<p><b>A</b></p> <p>Select one circle →</p>	<p><b>CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION: for a patient in cardiac or respiratory arrest</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Do Not Resuscitate <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="radio"/> Attempt Resuscitation</span></p>
<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Select one circle →</p> <p>Select one circle →</p>	<p><b>VENTILATION: for a patient in respiratory distress</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Do Not Intubate and Ventilate <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="radio"/> Intubate and Ventilate</span></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Do Not Use Non-invasive Ventilation (e.g. CPAP) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="radio"/> Use Non-invasive Ventilation (e.g. CPAP)</span></p>
<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Select one circle →</p>	<p><b>TRANSFER TO HOSPITAL</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Do Not Transfer to Hospital (<i>unless needed for comfort</i>) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="radio"/> Transfer to Hospital</span></p>
<p><b>PATIENT</b> or patient's representative signature</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p><i>Required</i></p> <p>Select circle and fill in every line for valid orders</p>	<p>Select one circle below to indicate who is signing Section D:  <input type="radio"/> Patient    <input type="radio"/> Health Care Agent    <input type="radio"/> Guardian*    <input type="radio"/> Parent/Guardian* of minor</p> <p>Signature of patient confirms this form was signed by patient's own free will and reflects his/her wishes and goals of care as expressed to the Section E signer. Signature by the patient's representative (indicated above) confirms that this form reflects his/her assessment of the patient's wishes and goals of care, or if those wishes are unknown, his/her assessment of the patient's best interests. *A guardian can sign to the extent permitted by MA law. Consult legal counsel with questions about guardian's authority.</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> _____ Signature of Patient (or Person Representing the Patient) <span style="float: right;">_____</span> Date of Signature</p> <p>_____ <span style="float: right;">_____</span> Legible Printed Name of Signer <span style="float: right;">Telephone Number of Signer</span></p>
<p><b>CLINICIAN</b> signature</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p><i>Required</i></p> <p>Fill in every line for valid orders</p>	<p>Signature of physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant confirms that this form accurately reflects his/her discussion(s) with the signer in Section D.</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> _____ Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant <span style="float: right;">_____</span> Date of Signature</p> <p>_____ <span style="float: right;">_____</span> Legible Printed Name of Signer <span style="float: right;">Telephone Number of Signer</span></p>
<p><b>Optional</b></p> <p>Expiration date and other patient care contacts</p>	<p><b>This form does not expire unless expressly stated.</b> <i>Expiration date (if any) of this form:</i> _____</p> <p>Health Care Agent Printed Name _____ Telephone Number _____</p> <p>Primary Care Provider Printed Name _____ Telephone Number _____</p>

**SEND THIS FORM WITH THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES.**  
HIPAA permits disclosure of MOLST to health care providers as necessary for treatment.

<b>F</b>	Statement of Patient Preferences for Other Medically-Indicated Treatments		
	<b>INTUBATION AND VENTILATION</b>		
Select one circle →	<input type="radio"/> Refer to Section B on Page 1	<input type="radio"/> Use intubation and ventilation as checked in Section B, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
	<b>NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION (e.g. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure - CPAP)</b>		
Select one circle →	<input type="radio"/> Refer to Section B on Page 1	<input type="radio"/> Use non-invasive ventilation as checked in Section B, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
	<b>DIALYSIS</b>		
Select one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No dialysis	<input type="radio"/> Use dialysis <input type="radio"/> Use dialysis, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
	<b>ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION</b>		
Select one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No artificial nutrition	<input type="radio"/> Use artificial nutrition <input type="radio"/> Use artificial nutrition, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
	<b>ARTIFICIAL HYDRATION</b>		
Select one circle →	<input type="radio"/> No artificial hydration	<input type="radio"/> Use artificial hydration <input type="radio"/> Use artificial hydration, but short term only	<input type="radio"/> Undecided <input type="radio"/> Did not discuss
	Other treatment preferences specific to the patient's medical condition and care _____ _____ _____		

<b>PATIENT</b> or patient's representative signature  <b>G</b> <i>Required</i>	Select one circle below to indicate who is signing Section G: <input type="radio"/> Patient <input type="radio"/> Health Care Agent <input type="radio"/> Guardian* <input type="radio"/> Parent/Guardian* of minor		
	Signature of patient confirms this form was signed of patient's own free will and reflects his/her wishes and goals of care as expressed to the Section H signer. Signature by the patient's representative (indicated above) confirms that this form reflects his/her assessment of the patient's wishes and goals of care, or if those wishes are unknown, his/her assessment of the patient's best interests. <i>*A guardian can sign to the extent permitted by MA law. Consult legal counsel with questions about guardian's authority.</i>		
Select circle and fill in every line for valid orders	_____ Signature of Patient (or Person representing the Patient)		_____ Date of Signature
	_____ Legible Printed Name of Signer		_____ Telephone Number of Signer

<b>CLINICIAN</b> signature  <b>H</b> <i>Required</i>	Signature of physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant confirms that this form accurately reflects his/her discussion(s) with the signer in Section G.		
Fill in every line for valid orders	_____ Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant		_____ Date of Signature
	_____ Legible Printed Name of Signer		_____ Telephone Number of Signer

**Additional Instructions For Health Care Professionals**

- Follow orders listed in A, B and C and honor preferences listed in F until there is an opportunity for a clinician to review as described below.
- Any change to this form requires the form to be voided and a new form to be signed. To void the form, write VOID in large letters across both sides of the form. *If no new form is completed, no limitations on treatment are documented and full treatment may be provided.*
- Re-discuss the patient's goals for care and treatment preferences as clinically appropriate to disease progression, at transfer to a new care setting or level of care, or if preferences change. Revise the form when needed to accurately reflect treatment preferences.
- The patient or health care agent (if the patient lacks capacity), guardian\*, or parent/guardian\* of a minor can revoke the MOLST form at any time and/or request and receive previously refused medically-indicated treatment.