



Baseline data is basic information gathered before a program begins. It is used later to provide a comparison for assessing program impact.

Before launching MOLST use with patients, institutions may want to identify potential baseline data elements and begin putting mechanisms and/or resources in place to collect data elements that might be expected to change with the introduction of the MOLST process and form use within the institution, community and state.

The following examples are data elements that were collected during the 2010 MOLST Demonstration program by participating implementation sites. These may be useful for institutions considering types of data that would be useful to track before, during and after MOLST implementation.

MOLST Implementation

- Number and types of staff trained about MOLST
- MOLST uptake per specific departments/units/services, etc.
- Number of MOLST forms ordered/used
- Percentages of MOLST forms signed by provider type (e.g. physicians; nurse practitioners; physician assistants)

Patient Data

- Total patients on the particular (hospital) service or in the particular program being reviewed
- Number of patient charts reviewed
- Ages of the patients
- Number of patients suitable for MOLST due to certain diagnoses and/or current health status
- Number of patients with health care proxies
- Number of patients with CC/DNR verification forms
- Number of patients with limitation of treatment while inpatient (e.g. DNR, DNI)
- Number of patient who discussed MOLST (or any limitations of treatment) with clinician
- Number of patients whose family members discussed MOLST with clinician
- Average number of discussions per patient before signing MOLST
- Number of patients who signed a MOLST form
- Number of MOLST forms signed by the patient
- Number of MOLST forms signed by the health care agent
- Number of patients that had CC/DNR forms and then signed MOLST
- Number of MOLST forms invalid and reasons why
- Number of patients with MOLST at discharge
- Number of MOLST forms voided