



March 2016

Oregon POLST Program News

Recent Press

An article posted on the National AARP Bulletin discusses end-of-life conversations and POLST. <http://www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance/info-2016/doctor-medical-legal-will.html>

Dr. Susan Tolle was interviewed by [Life Matters Media](#) to a response on the POLST critique published in [JAMA](#) in January.

The Oregon AARP Telephone Town Hall on February 11 reached 15,000 callers.

The February 2016 issue of the *Medical Ethics Advisor* mentions POLST, including remarks from Terri Schmidt, MD, MS, and includes advice on how to ensure ethical end-of-life care. [Read the Medical Ethics Advisor article.](#)

The National Conference of State Legislatures *LegisBrief* highlighted the POLST Program in their March Issue of [Briefing Papers on the Important Issues of the Day](#). Read the full article on the [Oregon POLST website](#).

February 3-5, 2016 - National POLST Paradigm Conference

The Future of POLST: Challenges and Opportunities

The National POLST Conference took place in Chicago, Illinois and had 157 attendees representing 40 states plus the District of Columbia. Oregon attendees included OPTF members Kristine Keough, Valerie Jimenez, Susan Tolle, Dana Zive, along with Tina Picchi from the Supportive Care Coalition.

New Oregon POLST Task Force Subcommittee Formed

The **Community Insight Committee** will be chaired by Bill Hamilton, AARP Volunteer Partner Ambassador, and convenes on March 28. The Subcommittee will begin by assisting in the review and making recommendations on how to enhance lay educational materials for the Oregon POLST Task Force.

Medicare Funds Goals of Care Conversations

What constitutes Advance Care Planning? [Download the Fact Sheet: Advance Care Planning as a Billable Medicare Service.](#)

2015 Oregon POLST Registry Annual Report

A message from Dana Zive, Director, Oregon POLST Registry

2015 was an incredibly successful year for the Registry with record high form volume, continued utilization in both emergent and non-urgent settings, as well as continued and new partnerships **all** in support of the Registry mission, to ensure that POLST orders are available when they are needed most.

The 2015 Oregon POLST Registry Annual Report can be viewed online: <http://www.orpolstregistry.org/oregon-polst-registry/reports/>

Upcoming Events

March 30-31, 2016 : OSU Gerontology Conference Aging: Changing the Paradigm
On March 30, Dr. Susan Tolle will present "POLST: What's New and How Can We Do Better?"

Save the Date

June 17, 2016: Statewide Palliative Care Conference "Palliative Care for All: Expanding our Reach"
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