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Author: Muriel R. Gillick, M.D.
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Author: Joyce Frieden

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POLST Web Site Resources

Aging Institute of UPMC Senior Services and the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania POLST form and educational materials)	http://www.aging.pitt.edu/professionals/resources.htm
Center for Ethics in Health Care Oregon Health & Science University	www.polst.org
University of Pittsburgh Institute to Enhance Palliative Care	http://www.dom.pitt.edu/dgim/IEPC/
West Virginia Center for End-of-Life Care POST	www.wvendoflife.org
Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield MOLST	www.compassionandsupport.org/

Advance Care Planning Web Site Resources

Pennsylvania Medical Society A guide to Act 169 of 2006, Pennsylvania Healthcare Decision-Making	www.pamedsoc.org
Allegheny County Bar Association/Allegheny County Medical Society Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will Forms	www.acba.org
State specific Advance Directives	www.caringinfo.org
“Hard Choices for Loving People”: A resource for professionals, patients and their families regarding end-of-life decisions	www.hardchoices.com
End of life and palliative care education resource center	www.eperc.mcw.edu