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Coordinator..... Let's talk!*

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**New POLST form for Georgia!!**

<http://www.dph.ga.gov/POLST/>

### **Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)**



A Physician Order For Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) is a form developed by the Georgia Department of Public Health pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Section 29-4-18(l). O.C.G.A. § 29-4-18(k)(3) provides that “Any person who acts in good faith in accordance with a Physician Order for Life-sustaining treatment developed pursuant to subsection (l) of this Code section shall have all of the immunity granted pursuant to Code Section 31-32-10.”

O.C.G.A. § 31-32-10 provides, in pertinent part: “Each health care provider, health care facility, and any other person who acts in good faith reliance ... shall be protected and released to the same extent as though such person had interacted directly with the [patient] as a fully competent person.”

More information is currently being developed by the [Georgia POLST Collaborative](#) and will be available soon.

Download the Georgia POLST form [http://www.dph.ga.gov/POLST/POLST\\_091212.doc](http://www.dph.ga.gov/POLST/POLST_091212.doc)