

POST FORM

WHAT, WHO, WHERE, WHY

What is POST? Indiana enacted the Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment as of July 1, 2013. This form allows qualified individuals to have a signed Doctor's order that controls their end-of-life health care treatment.

Who can sign this form? You must be a qualified person to leave a POST order.

A qualified person has:

- An advanced chronic progressive illness;
- An advanced chronic progressive fragility;
- A terminal condition where death is expected within a short period of time; or
- A condition which will not respond to resuscitation.

Where do I get a POST order? This is a Doctor's order. You will get this form from your Doctor. Your doctor should help you complete this form. You will keep the original form once it is signed by both you and your doctor. Copies of the form will be entered into your medical records and will be given to your health care representatives. Folks at home should keep the bright pink form with their medication.

Why should I get a POST form? Most folks do not want to be kept alive by machines if they are not going to enjoy some quality of life. The POST form allows you to take control of end-of-life situations. You can choose full intervention, comfort measures only, or any point in between. The POST form requires the medical community to respect your wishes about end of life choices.

Respectfully Submitted
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