

**Board Adopted Resolution as Amended
(January 2020)
(Affirmed; 2020 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 01.2020-29
(A-20)**

Introduced by: Julie Goldstein, MD, ISMS Member

Subject: Changes to 755 ILCS 40/10, 755 ILCS 40/20 and 755 ILCS 40/65
– *IL Health Care Surrogate Act*

Referred to: Medical Legal Council

1 RESOLVED, that ISMS support legislation that reduces barriers for authorized
2 surrogate consent to DNR through the IDPH Uniform POLST form by allowing for an
3 attending physician and at least one other “~~attending~~/qualified health care practitioner”
4 (an individual who is an Illinois licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse,
5 physician assistant, or licensed resident after completion of one year in a program) to
6 certify and document the presence of a qualifying condition and lack of decisional
7 capacity; and be it further

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9 RESOLVED, that ISMS support legislation that removes the current witness
10 signature requirement from the IDPH Uniform POLST form; and be it further

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12 RESOLVED, that ISMS support clear legislative language that outlines the
13 process by which a decision maker authorized under the *Illinois Health Care Surrogate*
14 *Act* may revoke an IDPH Uniform POLST form consented to by the patient prior to
15 losing decisional capacity; and be it further

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17 RESOLVED, that ISMS support legislation that explicitly authorizes reciprocity
18 and recognition of the National POLST form or other forms created in the fashion of the
19 National POLST Paradigm faithfully executed in other states within the United States
20 of America.