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10 11	JULIE DeARMOND, Individually and as) Successor-In-Interest to EMILY) DeARMOND, deceased)	Case No. 30-2011-00520263-CU-PO-CJC				
)	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND				
12	Plaintiff,)	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (RECKLESS NEGLECT), (WELFARE &				
13	\mathbf{v}	INSTITUTÍONS CODE §15600 ET SEQ); STATUTORY VIOLATION				
14	PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, a	(PRŐBATE CODE §§4742, 4781.2);				
15	business entity form unknown, NAK) BUN CHHIV, M.D., KAISER)	INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS;				
16	FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, a) business entity form unknown, KAISER)	NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; UNFAIR				
17	FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, a) business entity form unknown, and Does)	BUSINESS PRACTICES (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE §17200 ET				
	1 through 100, inclusive	SEQ) UNFAIR COMPETITION (CIVIL CODE §1750 ET SEQ)				
18) Defendants.					
19)	Judge Franz E. Miller				
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21		uccessor-In-Interest to Emily DeArmond,				
22	deceased, complains of defendants Permanent	e Medical Group, Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D., Kaiser				
23	Foundation Hospitals, Kaiser Foundation Hea	lth Plan and Does 1 through 100, inclusive, and				
24	for cause of action alleges:					
	ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION					
25 26	1. Julie DeArmond is the natural mother of Emily DeArmond, deceased. Emily DeArmond died on November 7, 2010. Julie DeArmond is the Successor-In-Interest of Emily					
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	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (RECKLESS NEGLECT), (WELF INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DIS UNFAIR COMPETITION (CIVIL CODE §1750 ET SEQ)	ARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE §15600 ET SEQ); STATUTORY VIOLATION (); INTENTIONAL STRESS; UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE §17200 ET SEQ)				

DeArmond. No person has a superior claim as Successor-In-Interest to that of Julie
 DeArmond.

2. At all times herein mentioned, defendants Permanente Medical Group, Nak Bun
Chhiv, M.D., Kaiser Foundation Hospital and Does 1 through 50, inclusive, were health care
providers who also had the care and custody of Emily DeArmond.

3. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Kaiser Foundation Health Plan was an
entity in the business of, <u>inter alia</u>, providing health insurance and health services in exchange
for payment of premiums by members of the general public.

9 4. At all times herein mentioned, decedent Emily DeArmond was a patient under the
10 care of defendants Permanente Medical Group, Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D., Kaiser Foundation
11 Hospitals and Does 1 through 50.

5. At all times herein mentioned, decedent was a member, subscriber and customer of
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and entitled to receive, pursuant to that status, health care and
services which were compliant with then prevailing standards of care.

6. On November 6, 2010 and for a long time prior thereto, Emily DeArmond suffered
 from multiple and severe medical illnesses and conditions, which were progressive. Emily
 DeArmond was no longer competent and was unable to participate in making decisions
 regarding her medical care and could not participate in any activities of daily living. Therefore,
 decedent was at that time a dependent adult within the meaning of the Elder and Dependent
 Adult Civil Protection Act (Welfare & Institutions Code §15600 et seq.)

7. Plaintiff Julie DeArmond was the primary caregiver for Emily DeArmond for the
entirety of her daughter's illness, which commenced at the age of 4 and progressed until her
death at age 18. At all times during that period, Julie DeArmond cared for her daughter at her
home except for the times when Emily DeArmond required hospitalization at an acute care
hospital or rehabilitation institution.

8. On or about August 27, 2010, plaintiff met with physicians who were members of the
Permanente Medical Group and affiliated with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser

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1 Foundation Hospitals. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss options for care should Emily DeArmond suffer a life-threatening event. Plaintiff Julie DeArmond was at that time the 2 legal decision-maker for her daughter. Following discussion and advice from participants at 3 4 said meeting, plaintiff Julie DeArmond decided on the terms for Physician Orders For Life Sustaining Treatment ("POLST"). Said POLST was duly executed and signed by Dr. Rukmani 5 Ragunathan of the Permanent Medical Group. Said POLST represented legally-binding 6 physicians orders as to interventions to be provided or withheld in the event of a life-7 threatening event. Said POLST provided, inter alia, that no intubation was to be initiated in 8 such an event. A true and correct copy of said POLST is attached hereto and incorporated 9 10 herein as exhibit 1.

9. On November 6, 2010, Emily DeArmond was found in her bed at home in a non-11 responsive state. Her mother, Julie DeArmond, called for an ambulance and Emily DeArmond 12 was taken to the Kaiser Anaheim Medical Center. In the emergency room, Emily DeArmond 13 came under the care of defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D., who was at all times an agent and 14 15 employee of the Permanente Medical Group. At said time, plaintiff was of the belief that her daughter was in a condition which was irreversible and that she was in a state where death was 16 17 imminent. Plaintiff repeatedly advised defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. and agents and 18 employees of Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan that her 19 daughter had a POLST in place which ordered only limited measures and, in particular, that 20intubation not be initiated. Defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. refused to review the POLST and, 21 despite plaintiff's protestations, stated that he would intubate Emily DeArmond. Over plaintiff's protests and in violation of the POLST he did at that time intubate Emily DeArmond. 22 23 Because plaintiff was convinced that defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. would not honor the 24 POLST, she requested that her daughter be transferred. Emily DeArmond was then transferred to the Kaiser facility at Lakeview. At said facility, Emily DeArmond was extubated in 25 accordance with the POLST. She was transferred to a room on a medical floor at said facility 26 27 where comfort measures were initiated. Plaintiff remained with her daughter until she died on

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November 7, 2010 in the early morning hours.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES PURSUANT TO WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE §15600 ET SEQ (NEGLECT OF DEPENDENT ADULT) BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

Plaintiff Julie DeArmond, as Successor In Interest To Emily DeArmond, deceased, complains of defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges:

10. Emily DeArmond, at all times mentioned herein, was a dependent adult within the meaning of Welfare & Institutions Code §15600 <u>et seq</u>. At said times, Emily was substantially dependent upon others for carrying out activities of daily living and was unable to competently make decisions as to her own self care and medical care.

11. At all times, herein mentioned, defendants were care custodians of Emily DeArmond responsible for her care and custody. On November 6, 2010, they were aware of Emily's critical physical condition and that her condition was presenting a substantial risk of imminent death.

12. At the times and places mentioned herein, defendants had a duty to determine whether there was in existence an Advance Health Care Directive, POLST or other expression of the extent of medical intervention desired by the patient or her designated decision maker in circumstances such as those presented. A POLST was in fact in effect at that time and it was readily available, or should have been readily available, to defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. at the time of his seeing her on November 6, 2010.

13. Despite the clear and explicit statement by plaintiff Julie DeArmond that a POLST existed which directed that intubation not be instituted in the prevailing circumstances, defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. intentionally and with reckless disregard of the health, safety, and rights of Emily DeArmond refused to review the contents of and follow the terms of the POLST or, having read the contents of the POLST, refused to follow the directive that Emily not be intubated.

14. Such reckless and intentional conduct by Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. was the direct result of the reckless neglect of defendants Permanente Medical Group, Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D.,

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Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan. Said neglect consisted of the 1 2 failure of said defendants to institute policies and procedure which were effective to ensure that defendants' physicians and other health care providers understood the meaning, force and 3 effect of a POLST and other Advance Health Care Directives. Said neglect further consisted in 4 the reckless failure of defendants to train and educate their physicians and staff members to 5 inquire as to the existence of a POLST, know how to locate a POLST, and follow the contents 6 of a properly-executed POLST. Such neglect was known to defendants to carry with it the high 7 probability that harm would result to their customers, patients, and members. As evidenced by 8 9 the conduct of Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. on November 6, 2010, there were no such effective policies, procedures, training or education in place so as to protect the rights, health and safety 10 of patients who had executed POLSTs and Advance Health Care Directives. 11

15. The reckless and intentional conduct of Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. in purposefully and 12 consciously ignoring the provisions of the POLST which was in place on November 6, 2010 13 has been ratified by defendants Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and 14 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan. Said ratification consists of the decision by said defendants to 15 take no steps to discipline, counsel, retrain, or otherwise take corrective action with regard to 16 Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. Further, despite the requests of Julie DeArmond that said defendants 17 initiate training, policies, procedures, and competency assessments with respect to the 18 significance and force of a POLST, said defendants have refused to provide assurance of any 19 change in current practice. 20

16. Defendants Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Kaiser
Foundation Health Plan authorized the conduct of Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. as described herein
because they knew in advance that there were no effective policies, procedures, training
program or competency assessment in place to ensure that POLSTs and Advance Health Care
Directives would be accessed, observed and followed. Thus, the conduct of Nak Bun Chhiv,
M.D. on November 6, 2010 was the type of neglect which defendants knew or should have
known was highly probably to occur.

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 applicable POLST, that intubation had been previously ordered not to be initiated in the
 circumstances presented on November 6, 2010. He knew or should have known that only
 limited intervention was the previously ordered protocol under the circumstances. Defendant
 Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. knew that it was highly probable that, if he initiated intubation for Emily
 that she would suffer discomfort and pain as a result of the invasive procedure necessary to
 establish intubation.

8 18. When intubation was done by defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. in violation of the
9 POLST, Julie DeArmond observed reactions of pain and discomfort in her daughter. Thus, the
10 intentional and reckless disregard of the provisions of the POLST caused injury and damage to
11 Emily and plaintiff is entitled to general damages pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code
12 §15657.

13 19. Because of the disregard of the POLST and the specific requests of Julie
14 DeArmond, Emily's designated decision maker, plaintiff Julie DeArmond was required to ask
15 that Emily be transferred by ambulance to the Kaiser Lakeview facility where she hoped the
16 POLST would be honored. The transfer process denied Emily the comfort care to which she
17 was entitled for the duration of the transfer and instead she was placed in an ambulance and
18 driven from one facility to another.

20. The aforesaid conduct constitutes fraud, oppression and malice and plaintiff is
entitled to an aware of punitive damages.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement as hereinbelow set forth.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF JULIE DeARMOND AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS FOR REMEDIES PURSUANT TO PROBATE CODE \$4742

As And For A Further, Separate, Second and Distinct Count, plaintiff complains of defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges:

21. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding paragraphs and incorporate them herein as though fully set forth.

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22. The aforementioned POLST incorporated the contents of the decision made by 1 Emily's designated decision maker, plaintiff Julie DeArmond, with regard to the provision or 2 withholding of care should Emily suffer a life-threatening event. In the course of her 3 discussions with defendant's physicians and agents at the meeting resulting in the execution of 4 the POLST, plaintiff was assured that the POLST would be tantamount to an Advance Health 5 Care Directive but would carry more weight as it would incorporate physicians' orders 6 regarding the provision or withholding of treatment in the event of the onset of a life-7 threatening condition. 8

9 23. Probate Code §4742 provides that there shall be a penalty of \$2500 for each
10 instance in which a health care provider fails to follow the provision of an Advance Health
11 Care Directive and that attorneys fees shall be awardable for each action initiated under said
12 statute.

24. As has been set forth in the preceding paragraphs, defendants did not follow the
provisions of the POLST executed on behalf of Emily DeArmond in violation of Probate Code
§4781.2.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement against defendants, and each of them, ashereinbelow set forth

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF JULIE DEARMOND AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS FOR DAMAGES FOR INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

As And For A Further, Third, Separate and Distinct Count, plaintiff complains of defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges:

21 25. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding causes of action and
22 makes them a part of this, the Third Cause of Action, as though fully set out herein.

26. Plaintiff Jule DeArmond was present with her daughter Emily, throughout the time
she spent at the Kaiser Anaheim facility and while she was under the care of defendant Nak
Bun Chhiv, M.D. Defendants knew or should have known that plaintiff Julie DeArmond was
the natural mother and appointed decision maker for her daughter Emily DeArmond and further
knew that Emily's condition at that time presented a substantial likelihood that she would die in

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27. Defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D., in ignoring the information being provided by Julie DeArmond, including the information being provided by Julie DeArmond, including the existence of the POLST, ignoring the directives for care conveyed to him by Julie DeArmond, refusing to read the provisions of the POLST and/or to follow the orders contained therein, intentionally inflicted emotional distress upon Julie DeArmond. Further, defendants knew that the intubation procedure carried out over the objection of Julie DeArmond and in violation of the POLST, was highly probable to, and did cause Julie DeArmond severe emotional distress, as did the necessity that Emily be placed in an ambulance and sent to another hospital.

28. The conduct of defendants was outrageous and of a type that would not be tolerated in an civilized society. The conduct thus constituted malice, fraud, and oppression.

<u>FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> <u>BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF JULIE DEARMOND</u> <u>AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS FOR</u>

NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (DIRECT VICTIM) As And For A Further, Separate, Distinct and Fourth Count, plaintiff complains of defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges:

29. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding causes of action as though fully set out herein.

30. At the aforementioned meeting with physicians and agents of defendants wherein the POLST for Emily DeArmond was executed, representations were made directly to Julie DeArmond that the POLST was a more effective vehicle for carrying out her decisions as to Emily than an Advance Directive and that its provisions would be carried out by defendants in the event of the onset of a life-threatening condition. Thus, a direct and special relationship existed thereafter between defendants and plaintiff Julie DeArmond.

31. At the times and places hereinbefore described, defendants so negligently and

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carelessly organized and operated their businesses, so negligently and carelessly failed to carry out their promises to plaintiff Julie DeArmond regarding the POLST, and so negligently and carelessly failed to carry out the provisions of the POLST so as to cause plaintiff Julie DeArmond to suffer severe emotional distress and to sustain general damages.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement against defendants, and each of them, as hereinbelow set forth.

<u>FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> <u>BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF JULIE DEARMOND</u> <u>AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS FOR NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL</u> DISTRESS (BYSTANDER)

As And For A Further, Separate, Distinct, and Fifth Count, plaintiff complains of defendant and for cause of action alleges:

Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding cause of action and makes them a part of this, the Fifth Cause of Action, as though fully set out herein.

32. At all times herein mentioned, plaintiff Julie DeArmond was present and contemporaneously witnessed the conduct of defendants, including Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. At said time, plaintiff Julie DeArmond was clearly aware that the conduct of defendant Nak Bun Chhiv, M.D. was wrongful, negligent and reckless. Plaintiff subsequently contemporaneously observed the pain and discomfort caused to her daughter by the intubation and transfer of her daughter and by the denial and delay in the initiation of comfort care for her. As a legal consequence of said experience, Julie DeArmond suffered severe emotional distress and sustained general damages.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement against defendants, and each of them, as hereinbelow set forth

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF JULIE DEARMOND FOR REMEDIES PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §17200 ET SEQ

As And For A Further, Separate, Distinct And Sixth Count, plaintiff complains defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges:

33. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding causes of action and makes them a part of this, the Sixth Cause of Action as fully set out herein.

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34. Plaintiff Julie DeArmond and her daughter, Emily, were patients, members and customers of defendants. Defendants provided medical and medically-related services for Emily DeArmond in exchange for payment for those services through a periodic premium.

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35. Defendants, at all times herein mentioned, were in competition with other health care providers and insurers to attract and keep customers, patients and members. To that end, defendants have regularly advertised in the media regarding the quality of their care and their concern for their customers, patients and members.

8 36. At all times herein mentioned, defendants had a duty to comply with all applicable
9 statutes and regulations governing their business. Further, said defendants had a duty to deliver
10 the quality and extent of services they promised to deliver and represented would be delivered
11 to their customers, patients and members.

37. Defendants, and each of them, engaged in unfair and deceptive competition and
business practices in violation of Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq by, inter alia,
failing to provide policies, procedures, training and competency evaluation so that their
patients, customers and members would have the benefit of the laws regarding POLSTs and
would have the provisions of properly executed POLST's complied with by defendants,
physicians and employees.

38. Plaintiff is entitled to restitution of all funds paid to defendants for the medical interventions rendered to Emily on November 6, 2011 and for any other services rendered by defendants in the course of execution of the POLST.

39. Plaintiff is also entitled to an injunction prohibiting defendants from engaging in conduct of the type described herein and compelling defendants to initiate and effect policies, procedures, training and competency evaluation which will result in uncompromising adherence to POLSTs and Advance Health Care Directives executed by their customers, members, and patients.

40. Plaintiff is entitled to attorneys fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5 in connection with pursuing a remedy for the aforementioned unfair business practice.

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Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement as hereinbelow set forth.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION BROUGHT BY PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS FOR REMEDIES UNDER CIVIL CODE §1750 ET SEQ

As And For A Further, Separate, Seventh and Distinct Count, plaintiff complains of defendants, and each of them, and for cause of action alleges.

Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations of the preceding causes of action and makes them a part of this, the Seventh Cause of Action, as though fully set out herein.

41. The conduct of defendants as hereinbefore described, and, in particular that related
to the business practice of failing to honor POLSTs and Advance Health Care Directives,
constitutes a violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code §1750). Said statute
was, and is, violated by the fact that defendants represented their services as being of high
quality and compliant with prevailing standards, whereas they had no effective system or
practice to ensure that physicians and other employees would honor the provision of POLSTs
or the state laws and regulations governing them including, but not limited to, Probate Code
§4781.2. The statute is further violated because defendants have represented in
communications with patients, members, and customers that the executors of a POLST or
Advance Health Care Directive will confer upon them certain rights and remedies, whereas, in
fact, defendants have had in place no effective system to ensure that the provision of POLSTs

9 42. Pursuant to Civil Code §1782, plaintiff has caused to be served on defendants in the
0 manner required by law a notice of said unfair practices and a demand that the practices be
1 remedied.

43. Plaintiff in both her representative capacity and in her personal capacity has been
harmed by the aforementioned deceptive business practice and is, therefore, entitled to
remedies pursuant to Civil Code §1780, including actual damages, an order enjoining said
methods, acts and practices, punitive damages, and costs and attorneys fees.

44. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a Affidavit of James Geagan Pursuant to Civil Code
§1780(d) attesting that this County is a proper place for bringing this action.

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1	Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgement against defendants, and each of them, as
2	follows:
3	(1) For general damages pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code §15657.
4	(2) For general damages for negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress;
5	(3) For damages in the amount of \$2500 pursuant to Probate Code §4742.
6	(4) For restitution and damages pursuant to Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq
7	and Civil Code §1750 <u>et seq</u> .
8	(5) For injunctive relief consisting of appropriate orders enjoining the conduct
9	complained of herein and mandatory measures to remedy the practices and procedures leading
10.	to said conduct.
11	(6) For punitive damages pursuant to the First, Third and Seventh Causes of Action;
12	(7) For attorneys fees and costs pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code §15657, Civil
13	Code §1021.5, Probate Code §4742 and Civil Code §1780.
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15	Dated: November <u>3</u> , 2011
16	James Geagan, attorney for Plaintiff
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H	PAA PERMITS DISCLOSURS F POLST TO OTHER HEALTH CARE PORTESSIONALS AS NECESSARY					
Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)						
EMSA #	full treatment for that section Freedom shall be Emily MRN 10584711					
A	CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR): Person has no pulse and is not breathing.					
Check Attempt Resuscitation/CPR Cone (Section B: Full Treatment required)						
	When not in cardiopulmonary arrest, follow orders in B and C .					
B	MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS: Person has pulse and/or is breathing.					
Check One	Comfort Measures Only Use medication by any route, positioning, wound care and other measures to relieve pain and suffering. Use oxygen, suction and manual treatment of airway obstruction as needed for comfort. Antibiotics only to promote comfort. <i>Transfer if comfort needs cannot be met in current location</i> .					
	Limited Additional Interventions Includes care described above. Use medical treatment, antibiotics, and IV fluids as indicated. Do not intubate. May use non-invasive positive airway pressure. Generally avoid intensive care.					
	Do Not Transfer to hospital for medical interventions. Transfer if comfort needs cannot be met in current location.					
Full Treatment Includes care described above. Use intubation, advanced airway interventions mechanical ventilation, and defibrillation/cardioversion as indicated. <i>Transfer</i> to hospital if indication. <i>Includes intensive care.</i>						
	Additional Orders: May give Love Zepan for Ser 2mes					
C	ARTIFICIALLY ADMINISTERED NUTRITION: Offer food by mouth if feasible and desired. No artificial nutrition by tube. Defined trial period of artificial nutrition by tube.					
Check One	 No artificial nutrition by tube. Long-term artificial nutrition by tube. 					
	Additional Orders:					
	SIGNATURES AND SUMMARY OF MEDICAL CONDITION: Discussed with:					
D	Patient Health Care Decisionmaker Parent of Minor Court Appointed Conservator Other:					
	Signature of Physician					
	My signature below indicates to the best of my knowledge that these orders are consistent with the person's medical condition and preferences.					
	Print Physician Name RUKMANI RAGHUNATHAN Physician Phone Number 114-279-4824 8-27-2010					
	Physician Signature (required) The puncture (required) Physician License # A030536					
	Signature of Patient, Decisionmaker, Parent of Minor or Conservator By signing this form, the legally recognized decisionmaker acknowledges that this request regarding resuscitative measures is					
	consistent with the known desires of, and with the best interest of, the individual who is the subject of the form. Signature (required) Name (print) Relationship (write self if patient)					
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	SEND FORM WITH PERSON WHENEVER TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED					

HIPAA PERMITS DISCLOSURE OF	POLST TO OTHER HEALTH CARE F	ROLLSSIONALS A	SNECESSARY
Patient Name (last, first, middle)		Date of Birth	Gender:
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Patient Address			- · · ·
24192 Twig L	-ake Forest C	A 9263	30
Contact Information			
Health Care Decisionmaker	Address		Phone Number
Julie DeArmond		St	(9~49) 230-4380
Health Care Professional Preparing Form	Preparer Title	Phone Number	Date Prepared
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Directions for Health Care Professional

Completing POLST

- Must be completed by health care professional based on patient preferences and medical indications.
- POLST must be signed by a physician and the patient/decisionmaker to be valid. Verbal orders are acceptable with follow-up signature by physician in accordance with facility/community policy.
- Certain medical conditions or medical treatments may prohibit a person from residing in a residential care facility for the elderly.
- Use of original form is strongly encouraged. Photocopies and FAXes of signed POLST forms are legal and valid.

Using POLST

• Any incomplete section of POLST implies full treatment for that section.

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Section A:

 No defibrillator (including automated external defibrillators) should be used on a person who has chosen "Do Not Attempt Resuscitation."

Section B:

- When comfort cannot be achieved in the current setting, the person, including someone with "Comfort Measures Only," should be transferred to a setting able to provide comfort (e.g., treatment of a hip fracture).
- IV medication to enhance comfort may be appropriate for a person who has chosen "Comfort Measures Only."
- Non-invasive positive airway pressure includes continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), bi-level positive airway
 pressure (BiPAP), and bag valve mask (BVM) assisted respirations.
- Treatment of dehydration prolongs life. A person who desires IV fluids should indicate "Limited Interventions" or "Full Treatment."

Reviewing POLST

It is recommended that POLST be reviewed periodically. Review is recommended when:

- The person is transferred from one care setting or care level to another, or
- There is a substantial change in the person's health status, or
- The person's treatment preferences change.

Modifying and Voiding POLST

- A person with capacity can, at any time, void the POLST form or change his/her mind about his/her treatment preferences by executing a verbal or written advance directive or a new POLST form.
- To void POLST, draw a line through Sections A through D and write "VOID" in large letters. Sign and date this line.
- A health care decisionmaker may request to modify the orders based on the known desires of the individual or, if unknown, the individual's best interests.

California Coalition for Compassionate Care

The Coalition is the lead agency for implementation of POLST in California. This form is approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority in cooperation with the California Coalition for Compassionate Care and the statewide POLST Task Force.

For more information or a copy of the form, visit www.finalchoices.org.

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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF CA	LIFORNIA, COUNTY OF (DRANGE		
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10	JULIE DeARMOND, Individually and as)	Case No.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
11	successor-in-interest to EMILY) DeARMOND, deceased				
12	Plaintiff,	AFFIDAVIT OF JAM PURSUANT TO CIV			
13	v. }				
14	PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, a business entity form unknown,NAK				
15	BUN CHHIV, M.D., KAISER) FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, a				
16	business entity form unknown, KAISER) FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, a				
17	business entity form unknown, and Does) 1 through 100, inclusive				
18) Defendants.				
19)				
20	James Geagan declares under penalty	of perjury that the following	g is true and correct:		
21	1. I am an attorney at law authorized to practice in the State of California and am the				
22	attorney for plaintiff Julie DeArmond in the above-entitled action.				
23	2. The acts, practices, procedures and wrongful conduct complained of in the above-				
24	entitled action occurred in the County of Orange, State of California. Therefore, that County is				
25	a proper venue within which to bring the above-entitled action pursuant to Calfornia Civil				
26	Code Section 1780(d).				
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28		1	EXHIBIT 2		

	Executed this 3 rd day of November 2011 at Sonoma, California.
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	James Geagan
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Asbestos (04)	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)				
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Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)				
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6. If there are any known related cases, file and	serve a notice of related case. (You may	y use form CM-015.)				
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