

How does the TPOPP/POLST Form compare to the Kansas DNR Directive?

See below for a comparison.

Document Features	Kansas DNR Directive	TPOPP/POLST - Medical Order
Governed By	Statutes K.S.A. 65-4941 et.al.	Scope of Practice and Standard of Care and community consensus (DNR orders not required by KS law to be in a particular form)
Target groups	Capacitated adults called Declarants who wish to refuse CPR for personal, health or religious reasons. (No illness criteria or other health directives required)	Persons with or without capacity living with advanced illness or frailty who by expresson or foraml advance health care directives indicate treatment preferences for full, selected or no CPR treatmetns (or meet AHA criteria for no benefit/harm*) or have elected a comfort care plan or have a representative to act on their behalf in accordance with state law to concur with a provider authorized to write CPR medical orders.
Settings	Hospital to Nursing Home (and back)	All settings—including inpatient, outside- and pre-hospital, home and community dwellings, residential and long term care facilities.
Initiated by	Declarant (Patient with capacity) requests DNR order from Physician or PA. <i>Agent cannot initiate Directive</i>	Physician or authorized licensed professional on behalf of patients with advanced illness/frailty in compliance with scope of practice, law/regulations.
Health Status of Patient	Not required for declaration.	Serious illness and/or advanced frailty (see POLST Intended Population)
Requirements to execute/validate	Three signatures required 1. Declarant (or at time of execution another person instructed by declarant to sign) 2. Witness, and 3. Physician or PA - unless declarant claims religious exemption.	Signature of physician/PA or authorized licensed professional required. Signature of patient or representative required for validity to acknowledge/ concur with medical order.
Signatures		
Witnessing		Medical orders are not witnessed.
Adherence to Form	Directive must be substantially in the form prescribed by statute	Standardized TPOPP/POLST form adopted by consensus for transportability across settings. No required DNR form required by statute.
Immunity protections	Immunity from liability subject to K.S.A. 65-4944	Immunity from liability provided by KSA 65-4944 to authorized provider validly executing a DNR order (see KSA 65-4941 thru 65-4944).
Measures Addressed	Addresses only CPR	Addresses Full Treatment to DNAR range of treatments to guide responders (Full to Comfort) based on patient current condition, directives, and goals of care. Medically assisted nutrition and other treatments included.
Applicability to persons without capacity	Directive law is not applicable to those without capacity	Applies to all target group populations including those with Class III Heart Failure subject to "No Benefit" or "Harm" designation for CPR*

* See Integrated 2010, 2015, 2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care <https://cpr.heart.org/en>

