

MOLST GLOSSARY

- ❑ **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** an emergency procedure which combines the application of chest compressions to provide blood circulation when the heartbeat has stopped, and rescue breathing.
- ❑ **Ventilation:** using mechanical means to assist or stimulate breathing
- ❑ **Transfer to Hospital:** a choice to be brought to a hospital for further evaluation and treatment
- ❑ **Intubation:** placing a plastic tube into the trachea (entrance to the lungs) so a breathing machine can be connected
- ❑ **Non-invasive ventilation:** use of a mask-like device to provide artificial breathing. This is a short-term method. If the failure is ongoing, intubation would become the next option for support.
- ❑ **Dialysis:** use of an artificial kidney machine to purify the blood when the kidneys cannot eliminate toxins made by the body.
- ❑ **Artificial nutrition:** use of formula to provide adequate calories either through a tube placed through the abdominal wall into the stomach or by an intravenous line placed into the neck or chest
- ❑ **Artificial hydration:** use of intravenous fluids to maintain hydration.