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IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

I remember reading about specific requirements regarding what needs to appear on ID badges for RT's however, I can't find that information anymore on the CRTO website. Could you please tell me where I can find that information?

ANSWER

While the College no longer has specific requirements for ID badges, it is essential that patients/clients know who is providing their care, and that the Respiratory Therapist (RT) be recognized as an important part of the healthcare team. Therefore, the CRTO encourages its Members to identify themselves to all patients/clients using their name and full professional title e.g., Registered Respiratory Therapist or Respiratory Therapist, whenever it is appropriate to do so. Please take the time to review the College's updated [PPG Registration and Use of Title](#) (September 2012) for more information.

Therapeutic and professional relationships are based on trust, respect and empathy and require appropriate use of the power that the RT may have over the patient/client, co-workers and/or students. One way for RTs to appropriately manage these relationships is by introducing themselves to their patients/clients by name and professional designation and addressing patient/client in their preferred manner. This is a standard of practice for RTs in maintaining their therapeutic and professional relationships (see [Standards of Practice](#) p. 14). It is up to the RT to use their best professional judgment when deciding when to use their first name, last name or, first and last name when introducing themselves to patients and their families.