

Position Statement on Physician Identification: Consumer Transparency

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Issue:

As patients may not always understand the roles, training, licensure, and credentials of the members of their health care team, it is critical that each member accurately self-identify. Transparency will help ensure that clinicians do not misrepresent themselves and inadvertently mislead patients and caregivers.

APA Position:

Patients deserve transparency regarding the roles and qualifications of members of clinical care teams, including informing the patient about the roles, credentials, and licensure of each team member.

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