

POSITION SUMMARY

Oncology Nursing Society Position on Identification of Registered Nurses in the Workplace

Changes in healthcare delivery have resulted in the increased use of unlicensed assistive personnel in healthcare settings throughout the continuum of care. Although members of some healthcare teams who have less academic preparation and competencies are providing patient care, some healthcare organizations and facilities have prohibited RNs from displaying professional and/or academic credentials as part of their identification.

It is the position of the Oncology Nursing Society that healthcare consumers have a right to be informed of the qualifications of those providing care.

This includes

- RNs wearing identifying insignia at all times during the provision of patient care
- Submitting a written protest when a facility prohibits or discourages identification of staff credentials
- All RNs advocating for their state nurse practice act to mandate identification of profession title and credentials.

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