

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY  
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STANDARDS OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY PRACTICE

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**798-X-6-.01      Standards Of Practice.**

The Board may adopt standards of respiratory therapy practice and continuing competency to be published in the rules and regulations in accordance with procedures established in Sections 41-22-1 et seq., Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Code of Ala. 1975.

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**798-X-6-.02      Conduct And Accountability.**

The licensed respiratory therapist shall:

(1) Have knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules regulating respiratory therapy.

(2) Function within the legal scope of respiratory therapy practice.

(3) Be responsible and accountable for the quality of respiratory therapy delivered to patients based on and limited to scope of education, demonstrated competence, and experience.

(4) Be responsible and accountable for the quality of respiratory therapy delivered to patients by respiratory therapy personnel under the individual respiratory therapist's supervision.

(5) Obtain instruction and supervision as necessary when implementing new or unfamiliar respiratory therapy techniques or practices.

(6) Accept individual responsibility and accountability for judgments, actions and respiratory therapy competency.

(7) Collaborate with other members of the health care team.

(8) Practice without discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, patient diagnosis or disability.

(9) Respect the dignity and rights of patients and their significant others including, but not limited to:

(a) Privacy;

(b) Protection of confidential information, unless disclosure is required by law;

(c) Freedom from exploitation of physical, mental, sexual, or financial boundaries; and

(d) Protection of real and personal property.

(10) Accept individual responsibility and accountability for timely reporting of illegal, substandard, unethical, unsafe, or incompetent respiratory therapy practice directly to the Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy.

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**Licensed Respiratory Therapist Title.**

(1) Any person who is issued a license as a respiratory therapist pursuant to Sections 34-27B-1 et seq., Code of Ala. 1975 may use the words "licensed respiratory therapist" or the letters "LRT" in conjunction with his or her name to denote his or her license.

(2) Pursuant to Section 34-27B-9 Code of Ala. 1975, a person who does not hold a license or a temporary license as a respiratory therapist or whose license or temporary license has been suspended or revoked may not do any of the following, unless otherwise exempt by 34-27B-11, Code of Ala. 1975:

(a) Use in connection with the person's practice the words "respiratory care professional", "respiratory therapist", "respiratory care practitioner", "certified respiratory care practitioner", "licensed respiratory therapist", "inhalation therapist", or "respiratory therapy technician"; or use the letters "R.C.P.", or "L.R.T."; or use any other word, letters,

abbreviations, or insignia indication or implying that the person is a respiratory therapist.

(b) Directly or by implication represent in any way that the person is a respiratory therapist.

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