

## Identification Badges

### Standard:

Credential Badges are the property of the Office of the Medical Director and are valid only if they are issued and maintained as designated by Clinical Standard (s) and as such, badges will not be modified. It is the responsibility of System Provider Organizations to immediately collect and return to the OMD the badges of those individuals whose credentials have been revoked, or who are no longer affiliated with the organization. In addition, any student, observer, or cadet must visibly wear at all times a badge affixed to their upper torso that clearly identifies their role.

### Purpose:

Due to the variety of providers with different levels of training an ID badge system is required to ensure that everyone on scene, including the patient, knows the System-credential capabilities of each Provider.

### Application:

1. Proper identification of System Providers is required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS).
2. System identification badges serve as the primary identifier for System Credentialed individuals as well as his/her Credential level. This however does not replace verbally identifying self and team members along with credentials and role to each patient or persons.
3. These badges are not intended for use as organization or department identification.
4. Proper identification of Providers will facilitate the exchange of patient information within the guidelines established by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
5. Badges should be visibly worn by any responder providing any level of patient care. The exception would be when circumstances require the responder to utilize personal protective outerwear (i.e. bunker gear, rain gear, etc.).
6. Badges are valid throughout the System and are not limited to specific venues or defined response areas.
7. The ATCOMD ID badges include:
  - Provider's Picture
  - Name
  - Credential Level
  - TDSHS Certification or Licensure Level
  - TDSHS Certification or Licensure number
  - Color coding denoting the appropriate credential level
8. Below is the color coding used to aid in identifying System Credential Level:

White	Responder with no System Medical Credentials
Yellow	Provider Level 1 (PL 1)
Blue	Provider Level 2 (PL 2)
Green	Provider Level 3 (PL 3)
Orange	Provider Level 4 (PL 4)
Red	Provider Level 5 (PL 5)
Black	Provider Level 6 (PL 6)
Purple	Physician

*Candidates that are transitioning to a higher credential level will wear the color badge for the desired level of credential with the words "CANDIDATE" within the color coding and above the OMD LOGO*

9. A system responder that is currently system credentialed, but without a badge, is at that point functioning as a First Aid Provider. In cases where an individual is recognized and known to be a currently credentialed provider in the System, the provider in charge of patient care may, at their discretion, allow the individual to participate in patient care. The

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lead transport medic and the provider in question are responsible for assuring badge compliance, but all Providers on scene are charged with pointing out any on-scene discrepancies.

10. A Provider who provides care in which they are not credentialed to perform is functioning outside the scope of his/her practice. The Provider performing the procedure in question and the provider in charge of the scene should both immediately report the occurrence using your Organization's defined Clinical Error Reporting Process. *Failure to do so may be considered an integrity violation and may result in action against the providers credential and/or State Certification/License.* This does not apply to candidates or students in an approved training program operating under appropriate supervision.