

2.2 Use of Title

Standard

A **regulated member** of ACSLPA accurately uses his/her appropriate protected titles, abbreviations or initials to identify him/herself to **clients** and others in all professional encounters.

Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- a) Ensure he/she is registered with ACSLPA and holds an active practice permit prior to using the protected titles, abbreviations and initials of his/her profession.
- b) Accurately represent his/her protected title to clients and others to ensure understanding of his/her professional identity.
- c) Follow the conventions for listing protected titles and other credentials and certifications.³
- d) Use the title 'doctor' in compliance with established criteria to ensure clear identification as a regulated member when providing a health service.⁴

Expected Outcomes

Clients can expect the regulated member to communicate his/her professional identity and credentials clearly and accurately.

Resources

All ACSLPA documents and relevant Alberta Government legislation can be accessed from the ACSLPA website at www.acslpa.ca.

- ACSLPA. (2018). *Use of the Protected Title "Doctor" When Providing a Health Service Advisory Statement*. Edmonton: Author.
- ACSLPA. (2011). *Appendix A. Using Your Registered Designation the Right Way in Clinical Documentation and Record Keeping Guideline*. Edmonton: Author.
- ACSLPA. (2014). *Regulation of Healthcare Professionals in Alberta. A Quick Guide for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists*. Edmonton: Author.
- Government of Alberta. (2000). *Health Professions Act*. Edmonton: Alberta Queen's Printer.
- Government of Alberta (2002). *Health Professions Act, Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Profession Regulation*. Edmonton: Alberta Queen's Printer.

³ACSLPA. (2011). *Appendix A. Using Your Registered Designation the Right Way in Clinical Documentation and Record Keeping Guideline*. Edmonton: Author.

⁴ACSLPA. (2018). *Use of the Protected Title "Doctor" When Providing a Health Service Guideline*. Edmonton: Author.

Client refers to "an individual, family, substitute decision maker, group, agency, government, employer, employee, business, organization or community who is the direct or indirect recipient(s) of the regulated member's expertise".

Regulated member refers to "an individual who is registered with ACSLPA in any of the categories of membership prescribed in Regulation and in the ACSLPA Bylaws".