



June 2, 2020

To Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, AMA Board Chair:

We, the undersigned, take up the call put out by the American Medical Association (AMA) in the May 29, 2020 Viewpoint piece, "Police Brutality Must Stop" (<https://www.ama-assn.org/about/leadership/police-brutality-must-stop>), written by AMA Board Chair Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH and AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA. Drs. Ehrenfeld and Harris carefully document the inequities that systemically lead to law enforcement violence, either verbal or physical, that disproportionately affect Black and Brown people.

We pledge to improve our nation's health in solidarity with the AMA:

- Those of us leading health organizations will take up the mantle of intolerance for police brutality and racism based on the lead set by the AMA.
- Those of us in health institutions and physician organizations explicitly denounce police violence, particularly in times of COVID-19 and during other public health crises.
- Those of us who are clinicians and other healthcare decision-makers will review and reconsider our policies and relationships with law enforcement that may increase harm to patients and their communities.
- Those of us in public health will intensify efforts to reduce systemic racism.
- Each of us will work to undo structural and institutional racism that is pervasive in our society.

Sincerely,

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