



## **Racism and Health in the United States: A Policy Statement from the American College of Physicians (2020)**

The American College of Physicians believes there is an urgent need to speak out on the ongoing racism and violence that are regularly directed at Black and indigenous people in the United States, including racism and violence committed by law enforcement, and that ongoing racism continues to be an urgent public health issue requiring systemic change. In “Racism and Health In the United States: A Policy Statement from the American College of Physicians” ACP condemns the injustices and harms experienced by Black individuals and other people of color as a result of racism and details the ways that pervasive systemic racism, discrimination, and violence throughout society have adverse individual and community health consequences. ACP reaffirms and commits to expanding on its previous policies to confront racial and ethnic disparities, discrimination and racism in health, and offers new recommendations to address racism in law enforcement and its impact on public health.

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