



Clinical Education Initiative - Stands in Solidarity

The Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) stands in solidarity with those demanding justice for Black lives and an end to systemic racism, inequality, white supremacy, and police violence across the country. CEI condemns the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade and innumerable others who have been killed because of widespread racism and unjust policing practices. The disproportionate loss of life in communities of color, and in particular the Black community, is horrific and unacceptable.

CEI is committed to equitable healthcare that is free from racial oppression. Our medical providers and educators are dedicated to providing our diverse New York healthcare workforce with training to improve health outcomes for our most marginalized communities in HIV, Sexual Health, Hepatitis C and Drug User Health. Our providers witness on a daily basis the harmful effects that structural racism has on both individual patients and their families.

We recognize that there has been unequal investment in the health and lives of people of color. Entrenched explicit and implicit biases continue to compound health disparities. We acknowledge that the history of healthcare in this country has and continues to be marred by segregated care and unequal access to lifesaving treatments for people of color, and especially Black Americans. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed these deeply ingrained health inequities and the institutionalized racism that continues to impact the health of our society.

We believe that this moment represents an inflection point, offering us all an opportunity to work together to tackle these reprehensible injustices in healthcare and beyond. In the arc of history, we have made progress, but there is much more work that needs to be done. It is hard work, but it is necessary work; we must challenge ourselves and America to live up to its highest ideals.

At CEI, we will examine our own biases and ensure that our faculty speakers represent our diverse workforce and communities of color. We will work to refine the existing content of our trainings and develop new content in order to highlight the impact of structural racism on healthcare. We will name racism and bias at every opportunity and encourage our providers to do the same. We will disseminate education and research that tackles racial injustice and demands health equity for all.

Sincerely,
Clinical Education Initiative team