

Racism in Healthcare

This week we are pleased to be joined by Kirby Randolph, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center and Assistant Professor of Bioethics, College of Medicine, Kansas City University. Dr. Randolph has taught and done research in the area of the history of race/ethnic health inequities and has served in promoting diversity and cultural considerations in healthcare workplaces and the greater community.

Class Assignment

- **Diagnosing and Treating Systemic Racism.** By Michele K. Evans et al. *New England Journal of Medicine*. July 16, 2020
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMe2021693?articleTools=true>

Goal for Class

The goal for the class is to gain an appreciation of the inequities that exist in the health care system in the United States, both in terms of providers and patients. We can learn how BIPOC (Black, indigenous, and people of color) have worse health outcomes and shorter lifespans in part due to racism.

Additional Resources

- **Syllabus: A History of Anti-Black Racism in Medicine.** By Antoine S. Johnson, Elise A. Mitchell, Ayah Nuriddin, *Black Perspectives*, August 12, 2020
<https://www.aaihs.org/syllabus-a-history-of-anti-black-racism-in-medicine/>
- **Racism's Hidden Toll in America. How long you live depends on the color of your skin.** By Gus Wezerek, *New York Times*, August 11, 2020
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/08/11/opinion/us-coronavirus-black-mortality.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage>
- **Understanding and Addressing Racial Disparities in Health Care.** By David R. Williams and Toni D. Rucker, *Health Care Financing Review*, Summer 2000
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4194634/>
- **'The direct result of racism': Covid-19 lays bare how discrimination drives health disparities among Black people.** By Meghana Keshavan, *STAT*, June 9, 2020
<https://www.statnews.com/2020/06/09/systemic-racism-black-health-disparities/>

- **Medical Schools Have Historically Been Wrong on Race. While the blatant horrors of the past are gone, the ideas that fueled race-based medicine stubbornly linger. We can change.** By Damon Tweedy, *New York Times*, July 27, 2020
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/27/opinion/coronavirus-medicine-blackness.html?smid=em-share>
- **Racism in Health Care Isn't Always Obvious. As physicians, we believe that recognizing it begins with understanding our own privilege and biases.** By Joseph V. Sakran, Ebony Jade Hilton, Chethan Sathya. *Scientific American*, July 9, 2020
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/racism-in-health-care-isnt-always-obvious/>
- **Dermatology faces a reckoning: Lack of darker skin in textbooks and journals harms care for patients of color.** By Usha Lee McFarling, *STAT*, July 21, 2020
<https://www.statnews.com/2020/07/21/dermatology-faces-reckoning-lack-of-darker-skin-in-textbooks-journals-harms-patients-of-color/>
- **Structural Solutions for the Rarest of the Rare—Underrepresented Minority Faculty in Medical Subspecialties.** By Kemi M. Doll, M.D. and Charles R. Thomas, Jr., M.D. *New England Journal of Medicine*, July 16, 2020
https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMms2003544?utm_source=STAT+Newsletters&utm_campaign=650b242a64-MR_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8cab1d7961-650b242a64-149832025

Resources Mentioned in 9/25/2020 class

- **The Social Dilemma.** Documentary. Explores the dangerous human impact of social networking, with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations. Netflix, 1h 34m. <https://www.netflix.com/title/81254224>
- **42 Million to One.** Novel by Hal Malchow. Can be purchased through Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/42-Million-One-Hal-Malchow/dp/0578737973>
- **Vote Forward.** Sign up to send personalized letters to potential voters in swing states. <https://votefwd.org/>