

Racial Public Policy Statement

Compelling evidence has shown that racial and ethnic minorities in the US receive a lower quality of healthcare than the majority, even when controlled for other factors. CMDA opposes racism in healthcare in all its forms, whether personal, organizational, societal, conscious or unconscious.

People of all colors have been created in the image of God, and all humans are unique and incalculably precious beings of elevated status and dignity. The Scriptures consistently express God's concern for the marginalized and disenfranchised, the sick and the poor, and they speak of God's promise to hold accountable those responsible for their care. Racism is a lapse in the ethic of love that Jesus commands.

CMDA calls for renewed commitment to the mitigation and prevention of racial disparities in healthcare at every level, including access to care, delivery of care, inclusion in the community of healthcare professionals, medical education, and research.

Eliminating racial bias is in everyone's interest and a vital element of the ministry of reconciliation to which Jesus has entrusted those who follow him and call themselves Christians.

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