



# Silence No Longer an Acceptable Response to Racism

## CAPA statement on racial injustice

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**OTTAWA, JUNE 1, 2020** –The Canadian Association of Physician Assistants grieves with our members and joins them in speaking out against the appalling acts of anti-Black racism and violence we have all witnessed over the past several days and weeks.

These actions are completely deplorable, but they are not new. We cannot pretend Canada does not confront similar forms of hate, and turning our backs is no longer an acceptable response to the inhuman and bigoted acts we have witnessed.

As health care professionals, we recognize that racism affects our racialized patients, in particular Black populations, who face negative outcomes and poor experiences with the health care system. As a member-led association, we are committed to acknowledging the impact of all forms of discrimination, accepting the responsibility to make a difference, and using our collective voice to stand against intolerance.

We must all do better, and we all have a role to play.

### ABOUT CAPA

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