

HCMA Position Statement on Equality July 2020

The Hillsborough County Medical Association (HCMA) believes that racism in any form is not acceptable.

Studies have shown that personal experiences with racism or discrimination raise the risk of emotional and physical health problems. Thus, the HCMA along with many other healthcare organizations consider racism a public health issue.

It is our role and responsibility as physicians to uphold values of equality and address racism and discrimination as part of our professional dedication to the health of our patients and society.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/racism-disparities/index.html>

<https://www.apha.org/Topics-and-Issues/Racial-Equity/Racism-Declarations>

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/health-equity/ama-racism-threat-public-health>