



Racism, Social Injustice, and The Importance of Black lives Matter

During the past few months, the senseless deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and other unnamed Black Americans have occupied the hearts and minds of every member of the Illinois DocAssist Team. The tragic loss of their lives has brought to the forefront the fears and injustices that Black Americans have faced for generations. Illinois DocAssist shares in the domestic and global response of sadness, outrage, and over the social inequities existing in our communities. We join our friends, colleagues, patients, and families in condemning racism, police brutality, and other forms of systemic inequality.

Illinois DocAssist firmly believes we can make meaningful change on a personal, professional, and societal level. Each is interrelated to the other. We can be part of the larger social movement addressing systemic inequalities. Discrimination has been shown through adverse outcome studies to lead to poorer health outcomes. By our actions, we can improve the physical and mental health of people of color.

Illinois DocAssist recognizes that an ongoing open dialogue regarding racism, social injustice, and inequities is necessary to increase our collective understanding about these subjects. This helps us provide better mental health consultation, education, and resources to you. Ultimately Illinois' most vulnerable children, adolescents, and perinatal women will benefit. We commit ourselves to engage with you in this important work ahead.



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