



American Society of Nephrology Response to the Derek Chauvin Verdict

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The recent Derek Chauvin trial raised significant concerns and highlighted the challenges in dismantling structural and systemic racism. While the final verdict brings accountability for the murder of George Floyd, the work of justice continues. ASN recognizes that many people continue to be negatively impacted by racial bias and discriminatory behavior. Our vision, mission, and values require us to unequivocally denounce racism and work harder to redress the wounds inflicted on communities of color.

Racism and injustice undermine the hard work of nephrologists and kidney health professionals to care for our patients. Systemic inequities rob all members of society – not only minorities – of our collective potential, so identifying opportunities to promote justice in health care and our communities must become central to the work of kidney health professionals here in America and around the world.

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In response to the death of George Floyd and other high-profile acts of racial injustice, ASN has taken several concrete [actions](#). We encourage your thoughts and feedback on these efforts.

In recognition of this critical moment in the history of civil unrest, ASN emphasizes its commitment to health equity and justice and holds itself accountable to be a leader in addressing health disparities, finding effective solutions, and influencing decisionmakers to make the right choices.

Change is long overdue, and we must take bold action to achieve justice.

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