



The Commission on Continuing Professional Development and Education (CCPDE) and the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CDEI) created a joint statement regarding the use of race and ethnicity in AAPA presentations. The Commissions wanted to share the information with all AAPA 2023 faculty and ask that the faculty read this statement and implement it in their AAPA 2023 presentation, talking points, and handouts.

#### **JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING USE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY IN AAPA PRESENTATIONS**

***The AAPA Commission for Continuing Professional Development and Education and the AAPA Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion recognize the harmful effects of misrepresenting race or ethnicity as biology. Race is a social construct and is distinct from ethnicity, genetic ancestry, or biology. AAPA supports eliminating patterns or conceptualizations of race or ethnicity as a proxy for biology or genetics in medical education, clinical practice, and policy.***

***We are committed to removing incorrect assertions of race-based medicine from AAPA presentations. We request and respect your individual commitment to continually update and revise instructional materials for AAPA conference attendees. We urge presenters to reference the following citation for guidance when preparing materials for national presentations, especially Tables 1 & 2.<sup>1</sup> We expect presenters to be prepared to qualify any race-related differences among patient populations in an effort to end patterns that present race or ethnicity as biology.***

<sup>1</sup>Amutah C, Greenidge K, Mante A, et al. Misrepresenting Race - The Role of Medical Schools in Propagating Physician Bias. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384(9):872-878. doi:10.1056/NEJMms202578. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmms2025768>