



**SEMPA Statement on Structural Racism, Violence and Public Health  
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In light of recent acts of violence toward African Americans, including the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, the Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) denounces racism and condemns all senseless acts of violence.

As emergency medicine professionals, we witness firsthand how structural racism affects our patients' health through discrimination, inequity and violence. The effect this has on the health and well-being of individuals and communities is profound. That is why SEMPA joins colleagues and friends across the country calling for response and reform relating to systemic racism, discrimination and associated violence.

SEMPA is committed to supporting emergency medicine PAs as they to provide compassionate high-quality patient care to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, belief or physical ability. We also support those who speak up and stand up when witnessing or experiencing acts of racism or discrimination.