



The Ohio Physicians Health Program (OPHP) believes all people have the right to access quality healthcare regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or any other factors.

Many people have been and continue to be affected by systemic racism, interpersonal racism, microaggressions and discrimination in the United States. Systemic racism creates economic conditions that put minority populations at greater risk for health disparities, including unequal access to care, higher rates of chronic illness, poorer health outcomes and premature death. OPHP condemns all acts of racism and policies leading to health inequality.

The actions that have taken place throughout the country targeting minorities, not limited to but including Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and Black Americans, are horrifying and do not reflect the values at OPHP. This statement is meant to broaden the scope of our commitment and to recognize the impact that discrimination has on all people who are not considered a part of the mainstream.

We wish to encourage change at all levels: individual, interpersonal, and systemic. The need for increased diversity, equity, and inclusion of different types of people in leadership is high. People representing all minorities deserve a place at the table to speak of their needs as equal stakeholders.

We support the creation of communities all across Ohio where individuals have equitable access to quality healthcare.