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Dear ASCCP Members,

As ASCCP reflects on the recent events, we are saddened by the systemic racism and racial violence that continues to plague our society. As a specialized medical society, we find it our duty to use this opportunity to call for, and engage in much needed change.

As a membership association, we believe it is our duty to take this time to review and update internal policies and procedures, ensuring inclusivity and equality. ASCCP's Board of Directors and Ethics Committee will lead the effort with a thorough review of our internal processes. We call on all of our members to do the same. Let's work together to offer work places and organizations free from racial injustice and implicit bias.

As a healthcare society, we cannot ignore the fact that cervical cancer affects people of color and vulnerable populations disproportionately. ASCCP calls on our members, whether in academia, research, or clinical service, to seek out opportunities to mitigate disparity factors in patient populations.

Together, we can be the change that is so desperately needed.

Sincerely,

Mark Einstein, MD, MS  
ASCCP President 2020-2021