CMA Statement on Racism

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HOW YOU CAN HELP
- Be mindful of and action patterns, asking questions when you are unsure.
- Educate those around you, including your colleagues.
- Advocate for those you see within your clinical and professional settings.
- Be aware of your own biases and the impact they have on decision-making.
- Recognize the power dynamics that exist in our healthcare system and work to address them.
- Engage in dialogue and education with your colleagues and community members.
- Support and amplify the voices of Black physicians and communities.
- Contribute to a culture of equity, inclusivity, and respect.

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PALLIATIVE CARE

Introduction:
Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem of life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual. It is directed toward the needs of patients whose disease is not curable.

General Principles:

1. All palliative care should have access to palliative care services, regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, language and cultural background.
2. The patient's families are central to the care of the patient and should be encouraged and supported in their role of caring for the patient.
3. Patients and their families have the right to share in decisions about the care of the patient.
4. Patients and their families have the right to refuse medical care.
5. Patients have the right to make their decisions about the care of the patient.
6. Patients have the right to participate in the decision-making about the care of the patient.
7. Patients have the right to be informed about the care of the patient.

Palliative care should be delivered by a multidisciplinary team.