

# A MESSAGE

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**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY** is deeply troubled by the recent events surrounding the death of George Floyd. This tragedy is the latest in a long history of senseless killings of people of color. We recognize that racial inequality is an invisible undercurrent impacting the lives of many of our members and patients and we condemn all acts that cause marginalization, discrimination, harm or death to any person. From lupus mortality, to arthritis disability, and most recently to COVID-19 deaths, our minority communities have suffered disproportionately. As physicians and healthcare professionals, we are bound to protect the health of all of humanity. *The American College of Rheumatology pledges to be a leader for inclusion and change for our members, our trainees, our staff and our patients.*

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