# GENDER AND RACE IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE

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# In the Nation's Compelling Interest Institute of Medicine Report (2004)

- ... Minority researchers often bring a sensitivity to and understanding of minority health concerns that can significantly influence the design and interpretation of minority health research. This sensitivity can also significantly influence decisions regarding resource allocation and research priorities ...
- ... Analogously, women's health research has grown exponentially and has benefited from the increased presence of women among health researchers and policy makers. As a result, scientific knowledge of women's health (and subsequent breakthroughs in the understanding and treatment of women's health concerns) has improved dramatically over the past several decades...
- … This is not to suggest that women and minority scientists and clinicians should be expected to work exclusively in women's and minority health domains; rather, it suggests that gender and racial/ethnic diversity in the health research enterprise can lead to important development and expansion of these fields …





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#### **CULTURE OF DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE**

**Diversity 3.0 Framework** 



• Diversity 3.0 is a diversity and inclusion framework spanning from Diversity 1.0 (diversity as a fairness issue competing with excellence) to Diversity 3.0, which integrates diversity into the core of an institution and acknowledges that diverse people,

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WOMEN & MINORITIES IN**ACADEMIC MEDICINE** Å **BIOMEDICAL CAREERS** Past to Present: Data **Barriers to Entry &** Leadership Advancement Personal Perspectives

## U.S. Medical School Applications Male vs. Female 2015-2016



## U.S. Medical School Matriculants Male vs. Female 2015-2016





- Although the numbers of women applying to medical school have increased, the percentage has decreased...
- The numbers of women in medical school leadership positions have increased but still remain low

Source: AAMC – THE STATE OF WOMEN IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE 2014



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### Faculty Workforce

Similar to the findings about women entering medicine, the percentage of women in academic medicine has remained **relatively flat** over the past five years and women still are underrepresented.

While the percentage of full-time faculty who are women has increased from 30 percent to 38 percent over a 10-year period, the proportion of full-time faculty who are women has risen only 2 percentage points in the past few years, as the 2009-2010 Women in Medicine and Science Benchmarking Report cited 36 percent of full-time faculty were women. In looking particularly at how women are represented among higher academic ranks, the proportion of women continues to be lower when compared to male counterparts as the prestige of the position increases. For example, in 2014 women comprised 44 percent of all full-time assistant professors, 34 percent of fulltime associate professors, and 21 percent of full-time full professors. Similar to women entering residency positions, full-time women faculty comprise far less of the proportion of faculty in specific departments such as surgery and radiology. Additionally, since 2008-09, the percentage of promotions to associate professor or full professor who were women has risen only slightly, and the proportion of new tenures who were woman has remained the same (30%).





THE STATE OF WOMEN



Women

Men

### Entering the Pipeline – Applicants, Students & Residents





The numbers in this figure show the total number of residents in each specialty. Specialties are shown in order of the highest number of women residents. The specialties above account for 85% of all women residents (n=44,596/52,521). See Table 2 for more information.

Inequality in Healthcare... Addressing Health Disparities

- DHHS Secretary Heckler's Task Force on Black and Minority Health released the report that documented excess deaths in 1984.
- An evaluation of USA morbidity and mortality rates & other data, resulted in a focus on the need to recruit and retain a diverse workforce to address the high morbidity and mortality rates among minority and ethnic populations.



### New England Journal of Medicine: December 12, 1985

Vol. 313 No. 24

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS - KEITH ET AL.

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#### SPECIAL ARTICLE

#### EFFECTS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

### A Study of the Class of 1975

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Abstract In the early 1970s, affirmative-action programs were introduced to accomplish a number of social goals, including increasing the supply of minority physicians and improving the health care of the poor. To assess the success of such programs, we analyzed data on people who graduated from U.S. medical schools in 1975 to determine how specialty choice, practice locations, patient populations served, and board-certification rates differ between minority and nonminority graduates. A larger proportion of minority graduates (55 per cent vs. 41 per cent, P<0.001) chose the primary-care specialties of family practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, and obstetrics-gynecology. Significantly more minority physicians (12 per cent vs. 6 per cent, P<0.01) practiced in locations designated as health-manpower shortage areas by the federal government and had more Medicaid recipients in their patient populations (31 per cent for blacks, 24 per cent for Hispanics, 14 per cent for whites; P<0.001). Physicians from each racial or ethnic group served disproportionately more patients of their own racial or ethnic group (P<0.001), but minority physicians did not serve significantly more persons from other racial or ethnic minority groups than did nonminority physicians. Many minority physicians served patient populations much like those of their nonminority colleagues, which indicates that substantial integration of the medical marketplace has taken place. Significantly fewer minority graduates had become board-certified by 1984 (48 per cent vs. 80 per cent, P<0.001), and most of this disparity was associated with differences in premedical-school characteristics and in the patient populations they served. Our analysis shows that minority graduates of the medical school class of 1975 are fulfilling many of the objectives of affirmative-action programs. (N Engl J Med 1985; 313:1519-25.)

### New England Journal of Medicine: December 12, 1985

#### AN AFFIRMATION OF MINORITIES IN MEDICINE

THE article by Keith and his colleagues in this issue of the Journal<sup>1</sup> provides a statistical comparison of data on minority and nonminority physicians who graduated from medical school in 1975. It evaluates specialty choice, practice patterns, and board certification in terms of undergraduate performance and socioeconomic status. The study provides documentation of the contributions of minority and nonminority students who were admitted to medical schools during the time that affirmative-action programs were being most strongly implemented. It also provides evidence (at least for the 1975 graduates) that a larger proportion of minority physicians are contributing to the health care of underserved and minority populations. Such a contribution is relevant to concerns that affirmative-action programs were intended to address and that are still recognized as health care problems in our society.

In spite of the retrenchment in the governmental, community, and institutional commitment to furthering the cause of racial justice and affirmative-action programs, the health status of minorities should still provide an ethical impetus for medical schools to encourage, admit, and graduate minority students. It is time for medical educational institutions to reaffirm their commitment to addressing the inequities in access to quality health care. If affirmative-action programs are now receiving less emphasis because of the fear of litigation or the lack of data demonstrating that such programs are addressing societal needs and the mission of medical schools, then Keith and his associates have provided a valuable study that reinforces the urgency of continuing to provide opportunities for minority groups in medicine.

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"The report by Secretary Heckler's task force states that the availability of well-trained health care providers to minority groups may be crucial in reducing disparities in overall health status, and that resources for minority health care may be less available than distribution statistics on health care services suggest. It also indicates that most minority patients receive health care from providers who do not share their ethnic or cultural backgrounds"







### **Changes In the Numbers**

While data alone do not show the full breadth and depth of advances in diversity and inclusion, statistics do document some of the progress that has been made. "If we talk in terms of progress over the past 50 or 60 years, it's very clear that we have made tremendous strides in improving the diversity of the nation's institutions of higher education in general and medical schools more specifically," says Marc Nivet. "However, if we look at the data in medical schools over a shorter time horizon, say from the 1990s to now, we have not made as much progress as hoped for. I think the time is now to redouble our efforts to find and develop the talent pool of underrepresented students."



and Alaska Native, Mexican American and Mainland Puerto Rican matriculants to medical school.



Tuesday, September 27, 2016

### AAMC Report Shows Decline of Black Males in Medicine

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 |by Alicia Gallegos, special to AAMCNews

Despite efforts by medical schools to increase diversity among applicants, the numbers for one demographic—black men—have remained stagnant for nearly 40 years. In 1978, 1,410 black men applied to U.S. medical schools. In 2014, that number was 1,337, according to a new AAMC report, Altering the Course, Black Males in Medicine.

Presented Aug. 3, 2015, at the National Medical Association's (NMA) 112th Convention in Detroit, the report details the decline of black men in medicine, analyzes reasons for the low volume, and addresses strategies that could increase the nation's black male doctors.

"We've actually lost ground in terms of the number of black men in medical school," said Marc Nivet, EdD, AAMC chief diversity officer. "We're suffering from continued challenges that black men face up and down the continuum of education. Even though we have more black men in college and graduating college than we've ever had, we don't have enough of them studying in disciplines that traditionally lead to medicine."

### U.S. Medical School Faculty by Race and Ethnicity, 2014





### U.S. Physicians by Race and Ethnicity, 2013



Note: The data excludes inactive physicians.

Source: AAMC Data warehouse: Minority Physician data, AMA master file, and other AAMC data sources, as of 1/22/2014.



#### Research

#### **Original Investigation**

### Minority Faculty Development Programs and Underrepresented Minority Faculty Representation at US Medical Schools

James P. Guevara, MD, MPH; Emem Adanga, BA; Elorm Avakame, BS; Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD

**IMPORTANCE** Diversity initiatives have increased at US medical schools to address underrepresentation of minority faculty.

**OBJECTIVE** To assess associations between minority faculty development programs at US medical schools and underrepresented minority faculty representation, recruitment, and promotion.

**DESIGN** Secondary analysis of the Association of American Medical Colleges Faculty Roster, a database of US medical school faculty.

**PARTICIPANTS** Full-time faculty at schools located in the 50 US states or District of Columbia and reporting data from 2000-2010.



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inority physicians and scientists have been inadequately represented among medical school faculty when compared with their representation in the US population.<sup>1,2</sup> Although their representation has increased over time, underrepresented minority faculty are less likely to be promoted and spend a longer period in a probationary rank.<sup>3,4</sup> In addition, underrepresented minority faculty have been less likely to hold senior faculty and administrative positions<sup>5</sup> and less likely to receive National Institutes of Health research awards.<sup>6</sup> Moreover, minority faculty report lower career satisfaction and higher social isolation and attrition than faculty who are not underrepresented minorities.<sup>7-9</sup> As a result, the Institute of Medicine has advocated for institutional support to address the challenges that underrepresented minority faculty face in academic medicine.<sup>10</sup> g Women in Biomedical Careers: The Successes and Challenges of the 21st Century

While the 'pipeline' is often blamed for the lack of women in advanced or leadership positions, that argument does not hold after many years of talented women in fields of medicine who provide more than enough experienced and accomplished women for positions of leadership and advancement. Similar observations hold for URMs.





# Broad National Effort Urgently Needed To Maximize Potential of Women Scientists and Engineers in Academia

WASHINGTON -- Women face barriers to hiring and promotion in research universities in many fields of science and engineering -- a situation that deprives the United States of an important source of talent as the country faces increasingly stiff global competition in higher education, science and technology, and the marketplace, says a new report from the National Academies. Eliminating gender bias in universities requires immediate, overarching reform and decisive action by university administrators, professional societies, government agencies, and Congress.



Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering



- "For women to participate to their full potential across all science and engineering fields, they must see a career path that allows them to reach their full intellectual potential. Much remains to be done to achieve that goal."
- "It is not lack of talent, but unintentional biases and outmoded institutional structures that are hindering the access and advancement of women."
- "A substantial body of evidence establishes that most people hold implicit biases"





**Barriers to/Factors for Success: Biomedical Science Careers for Women** 

Recruiting women & girls into scientific careers

- Lack of female role models & mentors
- Career paths/rewards (salaries, promotions, etc.)
- Family responsibilities/dual roles
- Need for reentry into biomedical career
- Sex discrimination an Implicit Bias & Growing Recognition
  Gender sensitivity
  Bacial bias (main data data)
- Racial bias/special ne
- And or Workplace... Research initiatives or women's health

**ORWH Workshop Report**, Women in Biomedical Careers: Dynamics of Change, 1994



### Women & Minorities in Biomedical Careers: The Successes and Challenges of the 21st Century

## Many Successes, BUT!!! - Many challenges remain:

There are still barriers to 'success', i.e., advancement in their chosen endeavors for women and minorities in medicine & science careers

The issues surrounding the 'dual responsibilities' of profession and family continue to be of concern, and too often affect career advancement or opportunities for women



Gender and/or racial biases, both individual and institutional, continue as factors that can influence the progression or the benefits of a career in medicine or science for talented individuals



### Gender bias in biomedical research

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"Women have been achieving near parity in MD and MD/PhD training, but their advancement in academic biomedical science is reduced at every career milestone thereafter. Women are significantly underrepresented even at the earliest points in the PhD pipeline, particularly in fields outside of biology. This is a troubling statistic that negatively impacts the talent pool and exacerbates career inequity in all areas of biomedical research."

"There are implicit biases---often subtle discrimination based on cultural stereotypes that may be outside of conscious awareness (unconscious bias)---that can affect decisions about one's career at every level...Women might be viewed as having more communal and nurturing traits, whereas men might be expected to have more of a self promoting, leadership phenotype."



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"In summary, there will be substantial social, economic and scientific costs if we cannot improve the diversity of our biomedical research workforce. Although this essay has focused on gender disparity, the inequities and their adverse impact apply as well to racial and ethnic disparities in workforce representation..."



Women & Minorities in Academic Medicine & Healthcare Careers: The Successes and Challenges of the 21st Century

Facing and overcoming historical and traditional stereotypical attitudes, both overt or subtle, unconscious and intentional...



# Overcoming Institutional Barriers for Women & Minorities

- Unconscious (implicit, inherent) gender-based assumptions and minority stereotypes are deeply embedded in the patterns of thinking of both men and women.
- The effect has impeded progress toward academic success or other career opportunities in medicine.
- In the past, gender & racial biases were more open; today, more subtle or 'underground' so more difficult to overcome.

(examples: blind reviews or letters of recommendation, etc.)

Need to understand best ways to change unconscious (or conscious) institutional and/or individual biases, and first step is to recognize it exists...



Overcoming Barriers to Success Speak up \*\*or\*\* Hold up???

- Speaking out about changing institutional traditions or processes or procedures or expectations in a way that can bring about positive change;
- Addressing implicit biases on individual and institutional levels;

When to confront need for change for a colleague??? For yourself???



'...Advocates of women's participation in science and engineering need to understand that some beliefs regarding the intellectual inferiority of women still exist. Confronting the bias is always difficult, but women and men should be willing to stand up to it... '

*Shirley Malcom*, Head of the Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs, AAAS

We have been living in a context where the jobs and the education have been structured to fit males' lives. So what does that [structure] look like ... if we imagined the lives of people who want to have a life? I think that imagining a different kind of context is what is hanging us up. We have the current models and we cannot imagine other models.

-Shirley Malcom





Overcoming Barriers to Success: Female Friendly vs. Family Friendly Options???

- Are there options for family leave or for maternity leave – including for adoption?
- What are the pros and cons about taking advantage of flexible options?
- Policies should be seen as facilitating work-life balance for BOTH males and females...



**Reviews/Commentaries** 

Ethnicity & Disease, Volume 26, Number 3, Summer 2016

A PERSPECTIVE ON PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH WORKFORCE: THE NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE'S PRIDE PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

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Aspiring junior investigators from groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences face various challenges as they pursue research independence. However, the biomedical research enterprise needs their participation to effectively address critical research issues such as health disparities and health inequities. In this article, we share a research education and mentoring initiative that seeks to address this challenge: Programs to increase Diversity among Individuals Engaged in Health Related Research (PRIDE), funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). This longitudinal research-education and mentoring program occurs through summer Institute programs located at US-based academic Institutions, Recruited participants are exposed to didactic and lab-based research-skill enhancement experiences, with year-round mentoring over the course of two years. Mentor-mentee matching is based on shared research interests to promote congruence and to enhance skill acquisition.

Program descriptions and sample narratives of participants' perceptions of PRIDE's impact on their career progress are showcased. Additionally, we highlight the overall program design and structure of four of seven funded summer institutes that focus on cardiovascular disease, related conditions, and health disparities. Mentees' testimonials about the value of the PRIDE mentoring approach in facilitating career development are also noted.

Meeting the clinical and research needs of an increasingly diverse US population is an issue of national concern. The PRIDE initiative, which focuses on increasing research preparedness and professional development of groups underrepresented in the biomedi-

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## Are Race, Ethnicity, and Medical School Affiliation Associated With NIH R01 Type 1 Award Probability for Physician Investigators?

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### Abstract

### Purpose

To analyze the relationship among National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 Type 1 applicant degree, institution type, and race/ ethnicity, and application award probability.

### Method

The authors used 2000–2006 data from the NIH IMPAC II grants database and other sources to determine which individual and institutional characteristics of applicants may affect the probability of applications being awarded funding. They used descriptive statistics and probit models to estimate correlations between race/ethnicity, degree (MD or PhD), and institution type (medical school or other institution), and application award probability, controlling for a large set of observable characteristics.

### Results

Applications from medical schools were significantly more likely than those from other institutions to receive funding, as were applications from MDs versus PhDs. Overall, applications from blacks and Asians were less likely than those from whites to be awarded funding; however, among applications from MDs at medical schools, there was no difference in funding probability between whites and Asians, and the difference between blacks and whites decreased to 7.8%. The inclusion of human subjects significantly decreased the likelihood of receiving funding.

### Conclusions

Compared with applications from whites, applications from blacks have a lower probability of being awarded R01 Type 1 funding, regardless of the investigator's degree. However, funding probability is increased for applications with MD investigators and for those from medical schools. To some degree, these advantages combine so that applications from black MDs at medical schools have the smallest difference in funding probability compared with those from whites.



# Sex Differences in Application, Success, and Funding Rates for NIH Extramural Programs

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Gender Issues

### Sex Differences in Application, Success, and Funding Rates for NIH Extramural Programs

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### Abstract

#### Purpose

The authors provide an analysis of sex differences in National Institutes of Health (NIH) award programs to inform potential initiatives for promoting diversity in the research workforce.

#### Method

In 2010, the authors retrieved data for NIH extramural grants in the electronic Research Administration Information for Management, Planning, and Coordination II database and used statistical analysis to determine any sex differences in securing NIH funding, as well as subsequent success of researchers who had already received independent NIH support.

#### Results

Success and funding rates for men and women were not significantly different in most award programs. Furthermore, in programs where participation was lower for women than men, the disparity was primarily related to a lower percentage of women applicants compared with men, rather than decreased success rates or funding rates. However, for subsequent grants, both application and funding rates were generally higher for men than for women.

#### Conclusions

Cross-sectional analysis showed that women and men were generally equally successful at all career stages, but longitudinal analysis showed that men with previous experience as NIH grantees had higher application and funding rates than women at similar career points. On average, although women received larger R01 awards than men, men had more R01 awards than women at all points in their careers. Therefore, while greater participation of women in NIH programs is under way, further action will be required to eradicate remaining sex differences.

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## **Conclusions**

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- Most award programs show equal or better performance for women compared to men
- The proportion of women in the applicant pool declined with increasing career stage in cross-sectional analysis
- R01 application rates were higher for men than women in longitudinal studies
- Success and funding rates were higher for experienced men submitting renewal R01 awards
- More men had multiple R01 awards than women at every age
  - Men had a higher funding rate but an equal success rate compared to women, which means they applied more often, so they had more of a chance of being successful
- Women received more direct costs than men for R01 awards because they requested more

# Sexual Harassment Seems Rampart Today \*or\* Just Finally Getting the Attention it has Needed

Many reports in current news – on campuses primarily, but also related to scientists, especially post-docs and junior faculty; not as much info on physicians;

Workshop in May 2016, held by the CWSEM of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, examined S.H. in and its effects on careers of women in science and medicine, academia, engineering and industry... in preparation for major study of effects on women in STEM to begin this fall...



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RESEARCH LETTER

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Sexual Harassment and Dis of Academic Medical Facult

Recent high-profile cases of sext such experiences still occur in known about how many wome such behavior. Most studies have

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faculty women reported harassn pared with 5% of men. These wom when women constituted a mino class; less is known about the preva among more recent faculty cohorts

Methods | After approval from the Ur tutional review board and waiver of in 2014 we conducted a postal surve received new KO8 and K23 career de after referred to as K-awards) from t Health from 2006-2009. Items on ger in the environment and personally e vantage, and sexual harassment were i tionnaire evaluating career and perso tionally, those who had experienced se professional careers were asked to rep confidence and career advancement an the experience using 5 levels<sup>4</sup>: 1, general

Discussion | In this sample of clinician-researchers, 30% of women reported having experienced sexual harassment Tinally Cottin compared with 4% of men. Although a lower proportion reported these experiences than in a 1995 sample, the difference appears large given that the women began their careers after the proportion of female medical students

Limitations include nonresponse bias, which could inflate estimates of prevalence if those who experienced exceeded 40%.

harassment were more motivated to respond; to minimize this risk, we placed these questions at the end of a 12-page instrument that otherwise focused on general career experiences. Our estimates were based on self-report, not docu-

Recognizing sexual harassment is important because perceptions that such experiences are rare may, ironically, mented cases.

increase stigmatization and discourage reporting. Efforts to mitigate the effect of unconscious bias in the workplace and eliminate more overtly inappropriate behaviors are needed.

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**Advancing Women & Minorities** in Academic Medicine Gender Equity E Diversity Institutional Transparency, Fairness and Accountability



# Science

## AAAS

**Doing science while black** Edward J. Smith (September 29, 2016) *Science* **353** (6307), 1586. [doi: 10.1126/science.353.6307.1586]

### WORKING LIFE

By Edward J. Smith

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# Doing science while black

hen I was 11 years old, my older brother left our village in Sierra Leone to study physics in the West. After completing his degree, he returned home to contribute to development. I followed his lead, though I studied genetics—and I never returned to live in Africa. Instead, I established a career in research and research education in the United States. Being an academic scientist in this country with my skin color and accent has not been easy, but I hope that my resilience amid significant challenges offers a path for younger minority scientists.

I experienced my first brush with bias in the virology lab where I started my Ph.D. Every time I left the photography room, the principal investigator (PI) was there to check on my results. He didn't do this for other students; it was clear that he didn't trust me to do the procedure correctly. At lab meetings, the PI called on every other group member for a progress report. But



and other encounters imply that, no matter how productive my research is or how professionally I present myself, I and other black scientists do not belong in academia's hallowed halls.

In contrast, when I have visited Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia, I have always received an enthusiastic welcome from the scientists there, who are excited to hear from



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The author identifies five new trends in diversity and inclusion within academic medicine: broader definitions of diversity to include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and those who have disabilities; elevated roles for diversity leaders in medical school administration; growing use of a holistic approach to evaluating medical school applicants; recognition of diversity and inclusion as a core marker of excellence; and appreciation of the

significance of subpopulations within minority and underrepresented groups.

More work remains to be done, but institutional initiatives to foster and prioritize diversity and inclusion coupled with national efforts by organizations such as the Association of American Medical Colleges are working to build the capacity of U.S. medical schools and teaching hospitals to move diversity from a peripheral initiative to a core strategy for improving the education of medical students and, ultimately, the care delivered to all of our nation's people.

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- Why are we not attracting the diverse
  - talent we desire?
- What is the risk of being perceived as a
  - chilly climate for minorities, women, or individuals who are LGBT?
- Are we a provider of choice for all
  - community members? If not, why?
- How can we begin to ensure equitable care for all patients, given the universal tendency toward unconscious bias? people.

# Overcoming Institutional Barriers for Women & Minorities

- Many institutions have implemented faculty or search or admissions or promotions committee workshops to better understand implicit (unconscious) bias in an attempt to reduce their effects on gender and racial inequities.
- Support is needed <u>from the top down (institutional or</u> corporate leadership) if these efforts are to be taken seriously.
- Networking and addressing these issues through professional organizations or faculty/administrative collaborations can be helpful for learning paths and priorities for success within a discipline, institution or organization.



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  - within our professions
  - within our personal interactions and attitudes,

acknowledging and alleviating unconscious bias

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