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**Does this evidence apply to my patient?
Deconstructing and reconstructing the role of race in clinical practice**

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Abstract

Health professions education is increasingly called upon to prepare practitioners who are able to tackle longstanding health disparities. Preceptors and supervisors may be at a loss on how to equip their trainees with skills in which they may not have been mentored themselves. An important example is the ability to critically review race-based clinical evidence and guidelines to understand their history, pertinence to patient care, and relationship to entrenched inequities. This talk will review practical approaches that can support teachers and their students to navigate these concerns in clinical practice by considering race as a construct whose social impact on health can be real.



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