

Dear AAPL members,

I am writing you regarding the ongoing social unrest in the wake of George Floyd's untimely death on 5/25/20. Like many, I watched the videos of Mr. Floyd's treatment in horror. The situation made me further contemplate my personal role in promoting social justice. It is difficult to adequately express one's emotions about the situation in writing.

I encourage all of you to take a moment to reflect on the pain being experienced by our African-American/black colleagues, patients, and friends. Political ideologies aside, social justice is an issue that should be on the forefront of all our minds during these challenging times.

Each individual's response against injustice is likely to be personalized and varied. However, we all have a role in promoting justice and equality. Please consider what you can do to help promote positive change. Discrimination of any kind cannot be tolerated. AAPL is opposed to any form of racism or discrimination.

Thank you for your attention. Please do your part to help promote positive change in the wake of this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Will Newman  
AAPL President