



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion



From the Editor

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) specialty site is an online forum that highlights content related to EDI topics, provides a welcoming, respectful, and safe environment for the neurology community to amplify their perspectives and lived experiences, and shares opportunities that advance EDI within and beyond the field of neurology.

Voices: Lived Experiences

Joshua Budhu, MD, MS, contributes an insightful Voices piece “COVID-19: A grim reminder of my roots.” In his piece, he poignantly describes the death of his brother while in police custody at a hospital. He then makes a connection with the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, police brutality, and racism against the Black community. Dr. Budhu encourages us to engage, reminding us that “silence or inaction is tantamount to tacit approval of the systemic abuses that have contributed to poverty, lack of health care, and marginalization in our country.” Dr. Budhu is Chief Resident at the combined Harvard Brigham and Women’s and Massachusetts General Hospital neurology residency program and future neuro-oncologist.

Did you know? This section is updated regularly and intended to highlight EDI facts and resources for anyone in neurology. Our Voices author Dr. Joshua Budhu teaches us about how hospital closures are part of the systemic barriers to health care that further burden the Black and Latino communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Budhu has previously advocated for change through prior opinion pieces on both hospital closures¹ and COVID-19.²

Call for submissions! The editors welcome and review all submissions less than 1,000 words on personal experiences lived within the realm of EDI. We are interested in amplifying everyone’s voices. All clinicians, including nurses and allied health professionals, as well as patients and caregivers, are encouraged to submit to journal@neurology.org stating “Voices Submission” in the subject line.

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