




Editor's Comment on "All Doctors Should Be Activists. Sincerely, a Psychiatry Intern"

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The community of academic psychiatry has much to learn by listening to our trainees. *The Learner's Voice* papers are brief reflections that center around the experience of learning psychiatry or becoming a psychiatrist.

The Learner's Voice paper "All doctors should be activists. Sincerely, a Psychiatry intern" [1] is a powerful essay that highlights the importance, in training, of a fundamental passion for addressing discrimination and other injustices that profoundly affect health and mental health. The need to address these injustices is urgent and important, and we cannot, in good faith, defer our attention to such potentially life-and-death issues. We also must humbly realize our own limitations in recognizing our own biases as physicians, and we must be open to questioning ourselves and learning from others' personal experiences.

As an academic journal, we feel privileged in being a vehicle for facilitating this learning, through publication of this and other papers.

The editors further thank and commend the author for peacefully sharing a very personal story that has profound

lessons for all of us in the context of recent national events. This manuscript was submitted almost 2 months before the heart-wrenching death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the subsequent outcries against racism and injustice. As we read this paper, may we all truly heed the call to become healers and protectors who save lives, relieve suffering, and act to restore trust.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

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