

THE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP OF THE LSU NEW ORLEANS DEPARTMENT OF OB/GYN ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY RECENT EVENTS HIGHLIGHTING THE SYSTEMIC RACISM AND DISPROPORTIONATE VIOLENCE AIMED TOWARDS THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY. IT IS BEYOND TIME FOR US TO SPEAK UP, AND WE WILL NOT REMAIN SILENT. SILENCE IN THE FACE OF THESE RECENT EVENTS WILL ONLY PERPETUATE THE SYSTEMIC RACISM AND INEQUITY EXPERIENCED BY MEMBERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

WE GRIEVE FOR THE DEATHS OF GEORGE FLOYD, BREONNA TAYLOR, AHMAUD AUBREY AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE RACIALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS AND UNJUST USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE. WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PATIENTS OF COLOR.

AS A RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM, WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COLLEAGUES AND FACULTY. AS OB/GYN PHYSICIANS, WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE UNBIASED CARE TO EACH OF OUR PATIENTS, EVERY TIME. WE WORK DAILY TO PROVIDE SAFE AND EQUITABLE CARE TO OUR PATIENTS AS THEY BRING LIFE INTO THIS WORLD AND ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE. WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORKING TO ELIMINATE THE RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT PERVADE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. WE PLEDGE TO EXAMINE AND CORRECT OUR OWN INTERNAL BIASES SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FULLY SUPPORT AND CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS OF COLOR. LSU OB/GYN STANDS AGAINST INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY, AND WE WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE JUSTICE AND INCLUSION AS WOMEN'S HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR ALL.

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LSU NEW ORLEANS OBGYN RESIDENCY PROGRAM**