Dermatology Nurses' Association
Statement Against Racism and Injustice

“Life’s most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?” Martin Luther King, Jr

The Dermatology Nurses Association is a community of diverse, inclusive, and socially aware health care professionals who focus on the care of the skin of all individuals. For over 25 years, DNA has a long-standing commitment in educating membership on the importance of recognizing the challenges and unique dermatological characteristics inherent in complexions of Black American and ethnic populations with skin of color. A natural respect of patients with skin of color has automatically been part of DNA’s edification process. This is well documented in our textbooks, inclusion of specific sessions in our conventions and with esteemed Black American speakers who provide great insight on best and respected practices with educating full membership on approaches to complexions of color.

As such, it is our goal to continue to serve as ambassadors and advocates for all health care consumers regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. We do not tolerate or condone racism, bigotry, or prejudice in any form and condemn the discrimination and racial injustices that have been forming a second pandemic in this country. We as a community mourn the deaths of all the victims of racial injustice and violence. We also recognize that there is a glaring health care disparity in minority communities. We will not remain silent on this front and pledge to do what is necessary to amend it. We recognize that we are a hub of a global network of dermatology care providers. We will not neglect our responsibilities in advocating for equality in providing adequate dermatology health care to all consumers.

The events of the past month have given a sense of urgency for our organization to address the disparity in health care delivery to minority communities. We are committed to providing quality care for ALL through sharing knowledge and expertise and working directly in and with our communities to provide adequate time and attention to those therein. This is done with the hope that every individual will be aware of their bodies and what is medically necessary to properly attend to them. It is our duty as well as our honor and privilege to be able to provide this knowledge and care to all people who want and/or require our care and expertise. We will be a safe space for every person, where they know they will be treated with the utmost dignity, kindness, respect, and inclusivity. We will continue to fight and stand for this treatment and equality in all aspects of our practice.

ALL are welcome here.