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Canadian Haemoglobinopathy Association Statement on Racism in Healthcare

As health care providers for individuals with sickle cell disease and thalassemia, the Canadian Haemoglobinopathy Association denounces all forms of racism, bias or discrimination in health care institutions, communities and broader society.

We will not ignore the inhumane acts of prejudice and violence that have targeted the Black community in the United States and in Canada. Silence is not a solution and we must protect the health and well-being of our patients and their communities.

As an organization, we will continue to advocate for and implement systems to eliminate racial inequities in health care. We stand in solidarity with the Black community and with all marginalized populations in Canada. We will work with local and national health care partners to eradicate individual and systemic racism in medical care and research and to foster a health system and society that provides equitable treatment and care for everyone.