

Implicit bias in healthcare: clinical practice, research and decision making.

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Provider implicit bias can impact patient safety through clinical <u>misdiagnosis</u>, <u>pain management</u>, and poor patient <u>outcomes</u>. This literature review sought to define implicit bias and identify the impact on clinical practice and research. The authors found that no effective debiasing strategies seem to currently exist. A December 2020 <u>WebM&M</u> commentary discusses how implicit bias can contribute to poor communication between healthcare teams.