

How Discrimination in Health Care Affects Older Americans, and What Health Systems and Providers Can Do.

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Bias in any form degrades the safety and effectiveness of communication and care. This report summarizes data documenting the impact of [racial and ethnic](#) discrimination on [older adult patients](#). It provides recommendations that include increasing content in medical school curriculum to raise awareness of biased medical care and tailoring communication needs to ethnic communities as steps toward reducing [discrimination](#).