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To whom it may concern

Racism in medical school is longstanding, the pathology of which, remains inherent in the structure and environment of Pākeha institutions. It is a topic that is recycled yearly by the media and it seems as though 2022 is no exception.

You need only walk down the wards and see the many beds occupied by Māori patients to realise how historical injustices have played out for Māori. This stands as a reminder of why we need Māori doctors now, more than ever. Each Māori medical student that graduates into the New Zealand health workforce is another step towards fulfilling health equity here in Aotearoa.

It is therefore the responsibility of the medical schools to provide equal learning opportunity, free of hazard and obstruction from racism. This includes ensuring appropriate support is in place and students are informed of the means for dealing with experiences of racism.

Being Māori has allowed us to endure through centuries of hardship together. Continue to be so in the most authentic way you can.

"Ki te kotahi te kākaho ka whati, ki te kapuia, e kore e whati"  
- Kingi Tāwhiao

*Please do not hesitate to reach out to our executive or your regional reps, should you have any concerns.*

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