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Introductory Speaker, History of Racism in U.S. Health Care



Emily Cleveland Manchanda, MD, MPH is the Director for Social Justice Education and Implementation within the Center for Health Equity at the American Medical Association (AMA). She is also an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine, the Assistant Program Director for the Boston Medical Center Executive Fellowship in Health Equity, and works clinically as an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Boston Medical Center. At the AMA, Dr. Cleveland Manchanda leads and oversees the AMA Center for Health Equity's education portfolio. Her work focuses on coordinating effective action across sectors to promote social justice and equity in health, pushing health systems to address social and structural drivers of health, and supporting the development of health care leaders equipped to effectively advance justice in healthcare for patients, families, staff, communities and populations. Her research, educational and advocacy work primarily focus on addressing racism and other intersecting systems of oppression in medical education and clinical care.

After graduating from Yale with a degree in Art History and French, Dr. Cleveland Manchanda spent two years working in the public health sector in Liberia with the Clinton Foundation before attending medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. She obtained her MPH from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and subsequently completed her residency training at the Harvard-Affiliated (MGH-BWH) Emergency Medicine Residency, where she served as a chief resident. She joined the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine in 2020, and the AMA in 2021. Dr. Cleveland Manchanda and her husband Gaurav met while working in Liberia, and now live in the Boston area with their three delightfully strong-willed children.