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A Healing ARC for Hospital Inequities: From Institutional Racism to Reparative Justice

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Racism is an ongoing public health crisis, and racial inequities in health, many of which are institutionally derived, are increasingly documented. Nationwide, little progress on these racial health inequities has been achieved to date, and a significant need persists for evidence-based interventions. From their experience analyzing institutional racism in heart failure admissions at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Drs. Bram Wispelwey and Michelle Morse designed Healing ARC – *acknowledgment, redress, and closure* – as a model to practically redress racial inequities in healthcare delivery with the involvement of impacted community members. Dr. Wispelwey will discuss the Brigham team's journey from research to action, the backlash this provoked, and the promise of race-conscious and reparative approaches to address inequities in medicine.

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Resources:

- 1) <https://bostonreview.net/articles/michelle-morsebram-wispelwey-what-we-owe-patients-case-medical-reparations/>
- 2) https://richmond.com/opinion/columnists/scott-heysell-and-greg-townsend-column-white-fragility-threatens-antiracist-progress-in-health-care/article_40b70dbc-46c3-57d4-ae0a-2a2baf1d316d.html
- 3) <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/02/07/opinion/white-nationalist-threat-antiracist-medicine-boston/?event=event12>
- 4) https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2201950?query=featured_home

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