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Response: Re: Use of Point-of-Care Ultrasonography in Primary Care to Redress Health Inequities

To the Editor: I thank Dr. Pierre for his thoughtful engagement with my commentary. He raises the concern that POCUS may not benefit racial/ethnic minority groups due to the implicit bias of clinicians using the technology. He substantiates this concern by citing a study that found that the likelihood of a clinician ordering diagnostic imaging differed by patient race and ethnicity in an emergency department

setting. Dr. Pierre's concern acutely reminds POCUS practitioners of the user-dependent nature of the technology. Training and policies that mitigate implicit bias will help ensure all patients maximally experience the benefits of POCUS.

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