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As physicians and executive members of the Section of Emergency Medicine in BC, we are appalled to hear of these racist allegations among our ranks. There is absolutely no place for racism or discrimination in BC hospitals or within our profession. We hope that Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond's investigation is both thorough and fast – we will fully cooperate with her investigation and recommended remediation processes.

The Section of Emergency Medicine prides itself in its diversity and its privilege of working with all patients and their families, no matter their background, in their moment of crises. It is critical that these allegations are fully investigated, and that we listen and truly understand the impact that the behavior of health care providers can have on Indigenous peoples. We respect Cultural Humility within our Emergency Departments – a process based on mutual respect, understanding, and reciprocal accountability that helps create an environment of cultural safety for everyone. This is something we deeply value and are committed to advance.

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