



As a Black medical student on my first year of clinical placement, I have noticed many ways in which the language used by doctors in their day-to-day practice can be highly problematic and impede feelings of inclusivity in patients and students.

Many doctors are still using medical eponyms which have Nazi associations such as 'Reiter's syndrome' and 'Wegener's granulomatosis' despite the move towards alternative terminology. Personally, I find this very uncomfortable as the history behind the physicians linked to these conditions is extremely distressing and for other students, may have deep rooted personal history. Globally it is recognised that eponyms to honour the work of physicians has limitations if the same people were involved in torture and murder, which of course should not be honoured. However, in my experience, old-fashioned doctors have not moved away from using these terms simply because it is engrained in their medical language. Hearing doctors continually use the names of known Nazi's without condemning their actions can be taken as offensive and potentially triggering. By doing this, they are not showing their solidarity or sympathy to the ethnic or religious groups who were targeted by Nazis. Further, morality has a huge role in medicine and preserving the professional memory of criminals goes against the fundamentals of what being a doctor is about. This language is disrespectful and excludes certain groups from participating in the conversation. However, unfortunately, since some d

