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The role of race, ethnicity, and alternatives in understanding and improving lung function.

Race was embedded in the interpretation of pulmonary function tests due to social rather than biological reasons. In this session, we will review this history and the concerns, risks, and limitations of including racial categories in pulmonary function test interpretation. The audience will also leave with a review of the evidence behind the ATS guidelines recommending removal of race from pulmonary function test interpretation, the clinical implications of this recommendation, and the many remaining gaps in our understanding of how to use pulmonary function tests to improve health.

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