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## Syllabus: A History of Anti-Black Racism in Medicine

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*Although the focus of this syllabus is the history of anti-Blackness in American medicine, we are aware that many of the texts are not from historians of medicine. Those scholars’ insights, however, are invaluable to our dissertation research and theoretical approaches. The selection of texts here also reveals the gaps that remain between the histories of medicine and science and Black studies. Though this syllabus is certainly not exhaustive, it lays important groundwork for bridging this gap and illustrating that questions of race and racism*

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should be central to studying the histories of medicine and science. We hope that this syllabus serves not as an endpoint—but as a beginning.

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