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Dr. Creary is an interdisciplinary social scientist who has worked with the sickle cell and bleeding disorder community as a scientist, policy maker, and public health researcher for over 20 years. Her primary research interests include how science, culture, and policy intersect, particularly around ethical, legal, and social concerns (ELSI). Through a health equity lens and using historical and ethnographic methods, she uses sickle cell disease as a case to investigate simultaneous constructions of race and science via the development of policy. Her anti-racist research also theorizes how embodied outcomes of accumulated injustice and exclusion inhibit the receipt of justice even via well-meaning programs, policies, and technologies designed to build equity. She speaks on topics of justice, racism and anti-racism in health and biomedicine, COVID-19, identity politics in health, and bioethics. She has been published in Social Science and Medicine, BioSocieties, Law, Medicine, and Ethics, The American Journal of Bioethics, and JAMA Open Network.

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