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Content	<p>The Region of the Americas is characterized by its diversity and rich history that led to various groups coexisting all over the region. This diversity however generates important disparities within and between countries, including significant health inequalities. The different health needs of diverse groups are not addressed equitably, and several barriers are faced by populations. A factor that significantly contributes to inequalities in health is the remainders of colonialism in health systems are rooted in and systemic discrimination. IFMSA recognizes the imperative for more inclusive, equitable and dignified care and supports medical students' engagement in promoting health care access for all. Summary of work: The IFMSA Americas Region adopted “Social Inclusion in Health” as one of its two Regional Priorities for 2021. Since one of the pillars is addressing systemic discrimination and empowering medical students to promote discrimination-free health systems, we are working on regional capacity building, research and awareness initiatives. A regional study of student perceptions of discrimination in healthcare will be conducted by a small working group comprising of IFMSA members from the Americas. Both quantitative and qualitative data will be collected. Anonymous testimonies will be published to provide detailed insight on students' experiences in the Region. Discussion: Results of the study will be analyzed in May-June 2021 and be ready to be presented at TUFH2021. Conclusion: Medical students can play a significant role in documenting discrimination instances in their health systems and participate in improving health outcomes by dismantling existing inequities in patient care.</p>