## 50 POTENTIAL PRIVILEGES IN HEALTHCARE WORKPLACES



- I'm white (or I can pass as white).
- 2. I'm male.
- 3. I'm straight.
- 4. I am cisgender, identifying as the gender I was assigned at birth.
- 5. I'm not living with disabilities, visible or otherwise.
- 6. I have a degree and certification that are recognized by the country where I live.
- 7. I attended an elite university.
- 8. I have an impressive list of credentials after my name.
- 9. English is my first language (in English-speaking countries).
- I don't receive comments about my accent or how I pronounce certain words.
- 11. My job doesn't require me to work nights or weekends.
- 12. I've never been passed over for a job (or fired from one) based on my gender, race or ethnicity, religion, age, body shape or size, disability, or sexual orientation.
- 13. I've never been bullied or harassed by patients because of my gender identity, race or ethnicity, religion, age, body shape or size, disability, or sexual orientation.
- 14. I am partnered and feel comfortable speaking openly about my significant other.

- 15. My partner takes on a large share of household and family responsibilities.
- 16. I don't have to worry about how having children will impact my career or how an unwanted pregnancy could derail my career.
- 17. I'm rarely, if ever, late to work or miss work because of a child's illness or family emergency.
- 18. I feel welcome at networking opportunities.
- 19. I'm not asked to do menial tasks that colleagues of another gender or race are asked to do.
- 20. Others don't routinely assume I'm at a lower seniority level than I am.
- 21. Others don't call me by my first name while using titles for my peers of a different gender, race, or professional role.
- 22. Others don't make up nicknames for me because my name is difficult for them to pronounce.
- 23. I feel comfortable actively and effectively contributing to team huddles, morning rounds, and other meetings I attend.
- 24. I'm rarely interrupted or ignored in conversations.
- 25. I'm confident that if I raise an idea, I'll receive credit.
- 26. I recently received feedback about a job skill I need to learn to grow my career.

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- 27. I can devote time to learning new job skills and can join professional development sessions offered at my workplace.
- 28. I can talk about political or identityoriented extracurricular activities without fear of judgment or bias from colleagues.
- 29. I can observe the holy days in my religious tradition without using vacation days.
- 30. I'm provided with gloves, gowns, and other PPE that fit my body size (including during pregnancy).
- 31. I have access to scrubs or a uniform that meet my religious requirements.
- 32. I haven't been asked how I rigged the system to get into my medical training program.
- 33. I've never been called a "diversity hire."
- 34. When meeting people at professional events, they assume I'm attending in a professional role (versus being the partner of an attendee).
- 35. At events, people don't mistake me for a member of the support or catering staff.
- 36. I feel physically safe at work and professional events.
- 37. I feel safe leaving work late at night and going home after evening events.

- 38. I don't receive unwanted sexual advances at work.
- 39. I haven't had to change jobs because of harassment.
- 40. I have stable housing.
- 41. I'm confident that if I lost my job, I'd be able to land another one without worrying about paying bills.
- 42. I can afford to join out-of-office lunches or after-work social activities.
- 43. I can manage monthly payments on any debt I have, and I'm not anxious about the loans I took out to pay for my education.
- 44. I never have to decide which bills to pay or go without meals because I can't afford food.
- 45. I'm not financially supporting a parent, grandparent, sibling, or extended family member.
- 46. I don't have a long career gap on my résumé.
- 47. I've never been arrested, incarcerated, or charged with a criminal offense.
- 48. People never touch me or my hair without consent.
- 49. I don't receive abusive comments on social media.
- 50. I don't remember the last time someone was condescending or overly pedantic when explaining a topic to me.

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