

# Think about the term **Equity**.

First, it's important to note that *Equity* and *Equality* are not synonyms. *Equality* means treating everyone the same, giving everyone the same access, the same opportunity, and the same service regardless of who they are and regardless of their attributes like race, culture, socioeconomic status, abilities/disabilities, etc.

*Equity*, on the other hand, recognizes that barriers to inclusion and participation exist and may prevent someone from enjoying equal access and opportunity. *Equity* drives the identification and elimination of barriers that prevent the full participation of some groups. For example, *Equity* is providing wheelchair ramps so people who rely on wheelchairs for mobility can enter the hospital and gain access to the same healthcare services as people who walk.

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#### Think about the term **Privilege**.

In anthropology, *privilege* is a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group. In sociology, *privilege* is the perceived rights or advantages that are assumed to be available only to a particular person or group of people. The term is commonly used in the context of social inequality, particularly in regard to age, disability, ethnic or racial category, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and social class. Under a newer usage of the term, *privilege* can also be emotional or psychological, regarding comfort and personal self-confidence, or having a sense of belonging or worth in society.

A special advantage, immunity, permission, right, or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual, class, or caste. <a href="https://www.thefreedictionary.com/privilege">https://www.thefreedictionary.com/privilege</a>

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Think about the term **Pronoun**.

A **pronoun** is a word that refers to either the people talking (like I or you) or someone or something that is being talked about (like she, it, them, and this). Gender pronouns (like he and hers) specifically refer to people that you are talking about.

#### **Preferred Pronouns/Preferred Gender Pronouns**

In support of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences welcomes its faculty, staff, and trainees to identify their preferred personal pronouns as part of their email signature line. This is becoming an increasingly common way for workplaces to recognize and affirm gender diversity in the workplace and would look like the following:

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Inclusion of preferred pronouns in your email signature line is not required. We encourage all of our team members to utilize a colleague's preferred pronouns whenever they are provided. We also encourage teaching faculty and staff to consult the **attached** resource regarding personal pronouns made available by the Emory University Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, also available <a href="here">here</a>.

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## Think about the term *Inclusivity*

*Inclusivity* refers to the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those having physical or mental disabilities or belonging to other minority groups. <a href="https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/inclusivity">https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/inclusivity</a>

"However, while many organizations are better about creating diversity, many have not yet figured out how to make the environment inclusive—that is, create an atmosphere in which all people feel valued and respected and have access to the same opportunities. That's a problem." <a href="https://hbr.org/2014/06/diversity-is-useless-without-inclusivity">https://hbr.org/2014/06/diversity-is-useless-without-inclusivity</a>

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