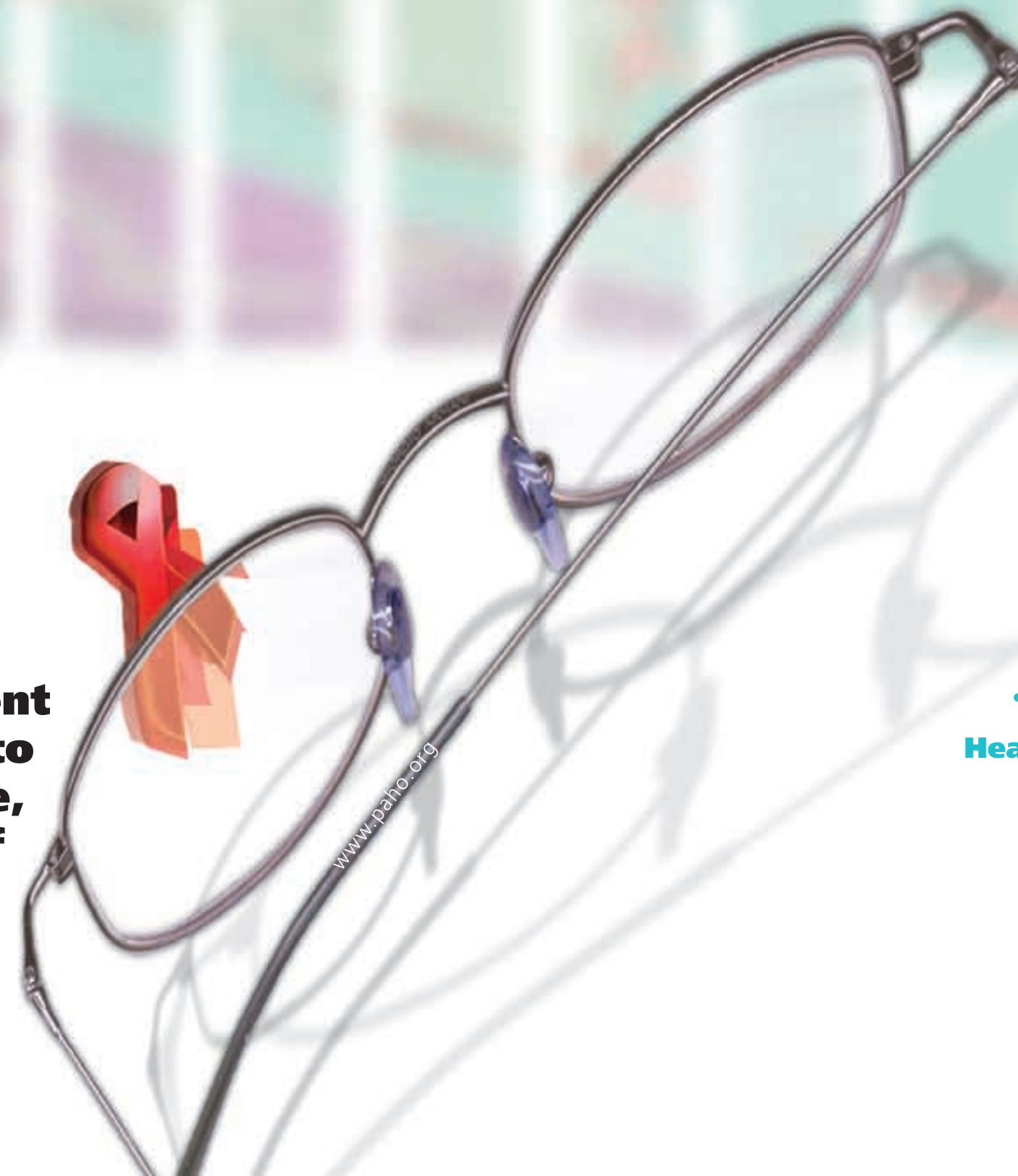


# discrimination

**If you don't see it,  
get a checkup**

**Every patient  
has the right to  
the best available health care,  
regardless of  
health condition,  
race, age, sexual orientation or  
socioeconomic status.**



- Discrimination is a problem that affects all society. Within the health services, people with HIV and other diseases are sometimes affected by discrimination. Check for these symptoms of discrimination:
- Refusal to admit patients to health care facility
  - Delayed treatment
  - Other forms of care (e.g., food, hygiene) delayed or withheld
  - Premature discharge of patients
  - Testing without consent
  - Breach of confidentiality within or outside the health care system
  - Inappropriate comments or behavior (e.g., shouting, rudeness)
  - Use of excessive precautions

**Health workers: partners in the fight against discrimination**



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