

discrimination

**If your reaction is slow,
get a checkup**

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**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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