



# PATIENT FIRST, DETAINEE SECOND

Anyone needing health care in detention should be treated first and foremost as a patient. Health needs should always take priority.

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# HEALTH CARE ON THE BASIS OF HEALTH NEEDS

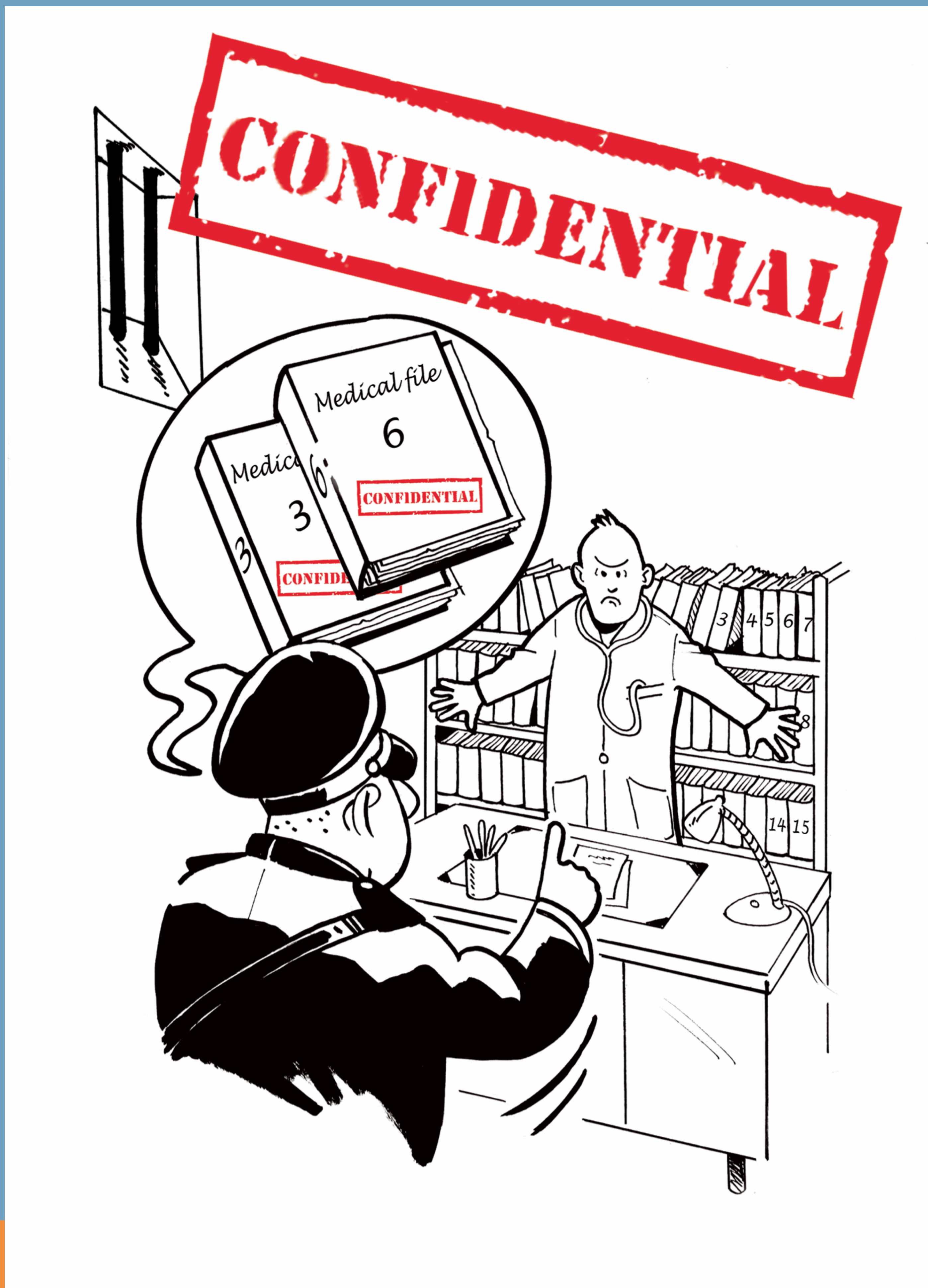
Medical staff – not the detaining authorities – should decide who needs to be treated first.

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# MEDICAL RECORDS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Medical staff working in places of detention should uphold principles of medical ethics, including patient confidentiality. The detaining authorities should also respect this.

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# ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE WITHOUT BARRIERS OR DISCRIMINATION

Detainees have lost their freedom, not their right to health. There should be no barriers to getting medical treatment.

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