

A CHRONIC
ILLNESS LIKE
ANY OTHER ?

HIV ————— STIGMA ————— DISCRIMINATION

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

HIV-RELATED STIGMA: A THING OF THE PAST?

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STIGMA, STIGMATA

1A: a mark of shame or discredit

1B: an identifying mark or characteristic, specifically:
a specific diagnostic sign of a disease

1994

A deadly illness – no effective treatment

Limited generalised understanding of transmission

Associated with marginalised groups

2020

No longer deadly – treatment

U = U (people under treatment CANNOT pass on the virus)

Marginalised groups theoretically and to some extent less marginalised

In 2020, in Lausanne, Switzerland,
a significant proportion of people who live with HIV
also live with the fear that others will learn about
their HIV status

STIGMA IS BUILT INTO...

...our institutions – our health, legal systems

...the popular imagination

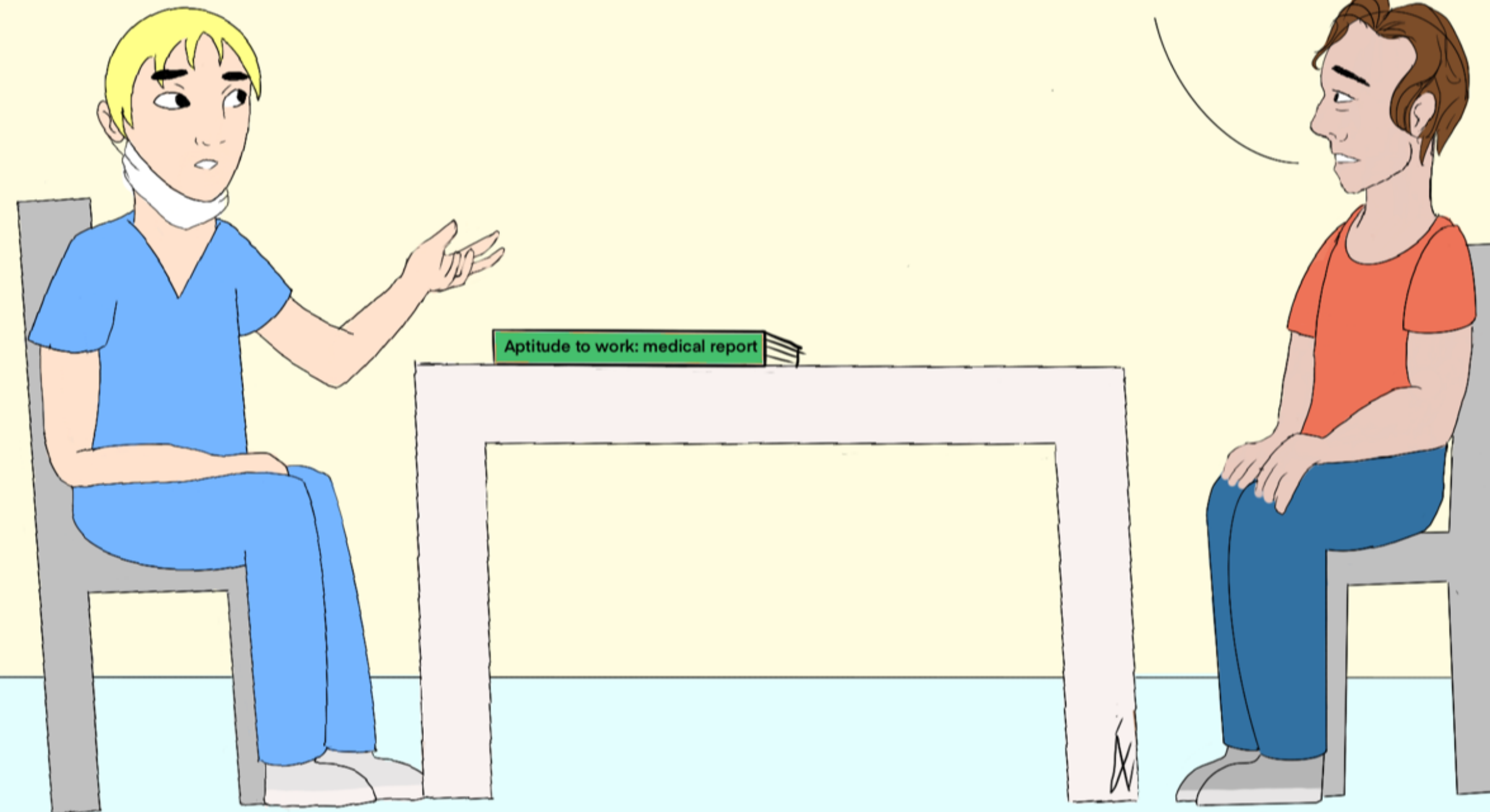
...how we have been taught to think about ourselves

...interactions with healthcare professionals

"So, how did you get HIV then?"

Occupational physician

"Well, it was 30 years ago: I think first I ***** someone's ***** and then they ***** me, and then they ***** my ***** Does that help regarding my aptitude to work here?"



ADHESION TO TREATMENT

PREVENTION

SOCIAL COHESION

INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

RACIALIZED DISCRIMINATION

HOMOPHOBIA

TRANSPHOBIA

GENDER INEQUALITY

POVERTY

MORAL PANIC

SUBSTANCE USE

SEXUALITY

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