

Red Flags

(If present proceed to step one):

- Inconsistent or scripted history
- Discrepancy between history and clinical presentation
- Trading sex for valuable items or food, shelter, drugs, money
- Unusually high number of sexual partners
- Late presentation
- Carries large amount of cash and/or pays for medical services with cash
- Appears younger than stated age
- Carries odors of chemicals indicating drug use or they are around drug use
- Patient is not appropriately dressed for weather. (Not enough clothes for cold weather or too many clothes for hot weather). Or, dressed too provocatively
- Cannot state where she/he lives or where they are currently

Controlling Indicators

(If present proceed to step one):

- Accompanied by a controlling person who:
 - doesn't allow patient to answer
 - interrupts or corrects patient
- Patient exhibits:
 - Fear and/or submissiveness
 - Traumatic stress response
 - Avoids eye contact
 - Hyper-vigilance subordinate demeanor
- Overly concerned with pleasing or displeasing person accompanying him/her
- Patient frequently receives texts or calls when separated from controlling person
- Controlling person holds patient's ID documents

Physical Indicators

(If present proceed to step one):

- Signs of inflicted physical trauma in protected places (inner thigh, neck, torso, upper arms)
- Tattoos indicating branding (names, initials, bar codes or numbers), unexplained injection marks, burns or scars (anywhere on their body)
- Unusual infections such as TB, immunizable diseases, signs of health/dental negligence
- Multiple STDs or STIs
- Several somatic symptoms arising from stress or drug use
- Malnutrition, dehydration
- Multiple pregnancies, abortions, and miscarriages
- Signs of unaddressed fractures and loss of function and/or deformities



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Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

HT Definition: The recruitment or harboring of individuals through force, abduction, fraud or coercion with the goal of sexual exploitation or enslavement. Methods include:

Force - Rape, beatings, confinement

Fraud - False promises of employment, a better life, marriage, education

Coercion - Psychological abuse, threats, debt-bondage

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Warmth & Protection

- Step One

Show warmth, care and concern for HT victim to gain trust. Tend to their basic emotional & physical needs before interview.

- Is there anything I can get you to help you feel more comfortable?
- Tend to patient's medical and treatment needs.
- Separate patient from controlling person, including family members.
- If controlling person refuses to leave, take the patient to a comfortable, accommodating, and/or safe area.
- Determine if abuse is peer or dating violence or CSEC. Notify charge nurse of potential HT issues.
- Patient interview should be conducted by trauma informed social worker or forensic staff if available. Our forensic staff's phone number: _____
- Interviewer builds rapport and assures patient of confidentiality

Victims of HT (U.S. citizens & non-U.S. citizens) are eligible for benefits under the Human Trafficking Victims Protection Act. If you think your patient is a HT victim call NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER Hotline Phone Number: 1-888-373-7888

For Foreign Nationals call the FBI 316-262-0031

Assess the Situation

- Step Two, Part A

I have to ask the following questions to know how I can help you.

- 1) Have you had broken bones, been knocked out or had injuries that required stitches?
- 2) Have you ever run away because you felt you had no other choice?
- 3) Sometimes kids get in situations when police got involved, such as for running away, breaking curfew or even petty crimes like shop lifting. Have you ever been in a situation where the police got involved?
- 4) Some people use drugs or drink alcohol because it makes them feel good; it helps them endure their difficult situation. Have you used drugs or alcohol in the last 12 months?
- 5) Presently, do you have an ongoing sexual relationship with two or more partners? If yes, "How many?" (More than 5 indicate HT).

- Step Three (Under age 18)

You are not responsible for the abuse that happened to you. You are safe now. You deserve better. I want to help you.

If yes to any of the above questions:

- Follow child abuse protocol. Comply with mandatory reporting
- If minor is with parent/guardian suspected of trafficking and minor doesn't want them to have custody.

- Step Four

I'm not going to pressure you into doing or saying anything you don't want to do or say.

Patient does not want to notify law enforcement:

- Consult with charge or forensic nurse to determine if mandatory adult reporting is required.
- If mandatory reporting is not required, make sure patient knows how to get help and give them the NHTRC Hotline phone number.

Release Shame from Past

- Step Three (18 and over)

If yes to any of the Step 2 questions:
You didn't ask for this life. You have rights. You deserve better. I want to help you.

- Obtain patient's consent to notify law enforcement
- Assist patient in calling 911
- Update security

- Step Two, Part B

If answers "yes" to 2 or more questions in Part A, ask:

Remember, I'm not going to hold anything you say against you. To help me understand what you may have been through, I need to ask:

- 1) Have you ever had sex because you felt you had to or because someone forced you?
- 2) For whatever reason, have you ever agreed to perform sexually in exchange for something you wanted or needed?
- 3) It doesn't matter why, but have you had sex with more than one partner at one time?

If "Yes" to any of the above questions, your patient is likely a HT victim. If under 18, they are potential victims of CSEC.