HT
assessment

Physical indicators
(if present, proceed to step one):

- Signs of physical trauma
- Branding tattoos indicating "daddy," "property of" or trafficker's street name
- Unusual infections such as TB or immunizable diseases
- Multiple sexually transmitted infections
- Several somatic symptoms arising from stress
- Malnutrition, dehydration
- Multiple pregnancies or abortions
- Unusual occupational injuries

Red flags
(if present, proceed to step one):

- Inconsistent or scripted history
- Discrepancy between the history and clinical presentation
- Unable to give address
- Doesn't know current city
- Minor trading sex for something of value (food, shelter, drugs or money)
- Unusually high number of sexual partners
- Late presentation
- Carrying large amount of cash
- Appearance younger than stated age

Control indicators
(if present, proceed to step one):

- Accompanied by a controlling person
- Controlling person doesn't allow patient to answer
- Person interrupts or corrects the patient
- Patient exhibits fear, nervousness and/or avoids eye contact
- Patient not in control of passport (if a foreign national)
- Patient frequently receives texts or phone calls during the exam
- Patient exhibits hyper-vigilance, or subordinate demeanor

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Step one:

Follow child abuse or domestic violence protocols, depending on patient's age:

- Attend to patient's medical needs and treatment.
- Separate patient from the controlling person, including family members.
- If controlling person refuses to leave, take patient to the bathroom, X-ray or another location.
- If necessary, consider calling Security for assistance.
- Provide patient a comfortable, accommodating and safe area.
- Notify charge nurse of potential HT issue.
- Patient interview should be performed by a trauma-informed social worker, trauma-informed nurse, or forensic nurse.
- Forensic nursing is available 24/7 at **316.689.5005**.
- Assessor builds rapport and assures patient of confidentiality.

Important: chart that charge nurse was notified and why.

Step two:

Patient interview questions:

For U.S. citizens:

- Have you ever exchanged sex for food, shelter, drugs or money?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex against your will?
- Have you been asked to have sex with multiple partners?
- Do you have to meet a quota of money before you can go home?

For foreign nationals:

- Does anyone hold your identity documents for you? Why?
- Have physical abuse or threats from your employer made you fearful of leaving your job?
- Has anyone lied to you about the work you would be doing?
- Were you ever threatened with deportation or jail if you tried to leave your situation?
- Have you or a family member been threatened in any way?
- Has anyone forced you or asked you to do something sexually against your will?

Step three: (under 18)

Answers **yes to any** of the assessment questions:

- Follow the child abuse protocol and comply with mandatory reporting statutes (see general policy G-PT-6). Assessor will update Security regarding security needs.
- If the minor is with a parent or guardian suspected of being a trafficker — and the minor does not want to be removed from their custody — the charge nurse should comply with mandatory reporting.

Step three: (18 & over)

Answers **yes to any** of the questions:

- Assessor obtains patient's consent to notify law enforcement.
- Assessor updates Security on the situation and assists patient in calling 911.
- If patient is a foreign national, notify the FBI: **316.262.0031**.

Step four:

Patient **does not** want to notify law enforcement:

- Consult with the charge nurse or forensic nurse to determine whether mandatory adult reporting is required.
- If mandatory reporting is not required, make sure the patient knows how to get help.
- Via Christi staff is available 24/7, at any hospital, to provide assistance.
- Local emergency phone number: **911**
- WASAC 24-hour hotline: **316.263.3002**
- National trafficking hotline: **888.373.7888**
- FBI: **316.262.0031**

For more information, visit viachristi.org/ humantrafficking

Important: chart and fill out proper template