


Framework for Human Trafficking Protocol in a Clinical Setting

 **Patient Accesses Medical Services**

 **Medical Services are Provided**

Red Flags to Consider:

- Someone else is speaking for the patient
- Patient is not aware of his/her location, the current date, or time
- Patient exhibits fear, anxiety, PTSD, submission, or tension.
- Patient shows signs of physical/sexual abuse, medical neglect, or torture
- Patient is reluctant to explain his/her injury

If any red flags present, discuss with patient:

- * Speak with the patient alone
- * Bring in a social worker or advocate whenever possible
- * Use a professional, neutral interpreter if needed


1. Have you been forced to engage in sexual acts for money or favors?
2. Is someone holding your passport or identification documents?
3. Has anyone threatened to hurt you or your family if you leave?
4. Has anyone physically or sexually abused you?
5. Do you have a debt to someone you can't pay off?
6. Does anyone take all or part of the money you earn?



OR if other human trafficking indicators are present:
 Call Homeland Security Hotline (see below)
 Follow all other HIPAA and mandatory reporting regulations.



Refer to social services as appropriate.

 **Assessment of Potential Danger:**

Be attentive to the immediate environment for safety concerns and follow hospital protocols if there are safety threats.

- * Is the trafficker present?
- * What does the patient believe will happen if they do not return?
- * Does the patient believe anyone else (including family) is in danger?
- * Is the patient a minor?

Report Human Trafficking :

24/7, 300 languages:	ice.gov/tips
1-866-347-2423	

Local Resources:

Refer to existing community resources included in a response protocol as needed. Contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 for more information on resources in your area.

