

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery.

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery, widespread throughout the world today. Trafficking humans is the second largest criminal industry in the world after drug dealing, and is the fastest growing.

Many victims of trafficking are forced to work in prostitution or sex entertainment industries. But trafficking also occurs in forms of labour exploitation, such as domestic servitude factory work or migrant agricultural work.

Force, fraud and coercion are the methods used by traffickers to press victims into lives of servitude and abuse:

- Rape, beating, confinement.
- Fraud-false offers of employment, marriage.
- Coercion: threats and debt bondage.

Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking.

Victims of trafficking may look like many of the patients coming to health clinics or emergency rooms. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. By looking beneath the surface and asking yourself these questions, you can help identify potential victims:

- Is the victim accompanied by another person who seems controlling?
- Does the patient seem submissive or fearful?
- Does the patient have difficulty communicating because of language or cultural barriers?
- Does the person have any identification?

Sample Questions to Ask Potential Victims of Human Trafficking.

If you get an opportunity to examine or question the patient alone, asking the following questions can help you determine if you are dealing with a victim:

- Can you leave your job or situation if you want?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you been threatened if you try to leave?
- Has anyone threatened your family?
- What are your working conditions like?
- Where do you sleep?

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