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## **Human Trafficking - Tips for Health-Care Professionals**

### **Victim Identification**

- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of an inability to move or leave a job
- Bruises or other signs of battering
- Fear or depression
- Not speaking the language
- Recently arrived in the area
- Lack of documentation

### **Interacting with the Victim**

- Talk in a safe and confidential environment
- If someone appears to be controlling the victim, attempt to separate them
- If the victim does not speak your language, use an interpreter

### **Suggested Screen Questions**

- 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?
- Have you been physically harmed in any way?
- What are your working or living conditions like?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Do you sleep in a bed, on a cot or on the floor?
- Have you ever been deprived of food, water, sleep or medical care?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on your doors and windows so you cannot get out?
- Has anyone threatened your family?
- Has your identification or documents been taken from you?
- Is anyone forcing you to do anything that you do not want to do?



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**A PRIMER ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Slavery (a.k.a. human trafficking), has always been a part of humanity's history. Though frequently battled back, the human trafficking industry has never been defeated.

Human trafficking is the modern-day form of slavery and involves the movement of people by means of violence, deception or coercion for the purpose of forced labor, servitude or slavery-like practices.

Human trafficking exists primarily in three forms:

**Sex Trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years.

**Labor Trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

**Trafficking in Body Parts and Illegal Adoption:** In addition to these 2 predominant types of human trafficking, some types involve individuals being victimized for their valuable organs and/or tissues. Other types include forced marriage and child trafficking for adoption

**RESULTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SLAVERY**

Victims of trafficking suffer from a variety of physical and mental health problems such as physical abuse; psychological effects of torture and shame, humiliation, shock, denial, disorientation, and anxiety disorders including posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), phobias, panic attacks, and depression. Drug and alcohol addiction are common as well as sexually transmitted diseases (e.g., HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis), sterility and miscarriages.

**ABOUT ITEM P**

The Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons (ITEMP) was founded by Patrick Atkinson in 1991 and is an international organization dedicated to ending contemporary slavery and human trafficking through public awareness, research, and direct intervention.

ITEMP is a borderless sub-program of The GOD'S CHILD Project, a non-denominational, non-political international charity. ITEM P operates in conjunction with national governments and international law enforcement agencies to prevent, interdict, rescue, and recover victims of human trafficking.

Today this international coalition also works to create model laws and systems, and provide prosecutorial assistance against the victimizers of the innocent.

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