Health care providers may come into contact with victims of human trafficking and have a unique opportunity to connect them with support and services. Anyone in a health care setting may be in a position to identify, treat, and respond appropriately to human trafficking.

Email info@nhttac.org to request SOAR to Health and Wellness training.

If you think someone is a victim of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733 (BEFREE).

For more information about human trafficking, visit acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking.

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Human Trafficking Indicators

The following is a list of potential red flags and indicators that health care providers may see in a patient who may be a victim of human trafficking.
### General Indicators of Human Trafficking*

- Shares a scripted or inconsistent history
- Unwilling to speak freely or share information
- Accompanied by a controlling person
- Demonstrates fearful or nervous behavior or avoids eye contact
- Not in control of own identification (ID) or money
- Unaware of current location, date, or time
- Unable to leave home or job
- Signs of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or unexplained injuries
- Reproductive health issues
- History of substance use
- Effects of prolonged exposure to industrial or agricultural chemicals
- Somatic complaints
- Depression
- Suicidal ideation
- Self-harming behaviors
- High-risk behaviors, e.g., for minors - running away, early sexual initiation
- Trauma bonding with trafficker or other victims
- Delayed physical or cognitive development

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### Physical Health Indicators*

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### Mental Health Indicators*

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### Social or Developmental Indicators*

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