### 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
**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

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