Ohio Intimate Partner Violence & Human Trafficking Recommended Workflow

Remember to use CUEs intervention when interacting with patients:

- Confidentiality
- Universal Education
- Empowerment
- Support

Medical/Dental Services are provided Medical/dental assistant gives all patient two Safety Cards (one to keep, one to give to a loved one) for Universal Education, addressing following populations: All adolescents All female patients All LGTBQIA+ patients

Consider these Red Flags:

- Someone else is speaking for the patients
- Patients is not aware of their 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 their injury

If any of these red flags are present, discuss with the patient:

- 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 family if you leave?
- 4. Has anyone physically or sexually abused you?
- 5. Do you have a debt to someone you cannot pay off?
- 6. Does anyone take all or part of the money you earn?

If YES to any of the above questions or if any other indicators of IPV or human trafficking:

- Offer warm referral to local DV advocate/HT coalition
- Call the appropriate hotline
 - National Human Trafficking Resource Center (1-888-373-7888) 24/7
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224)

Assessment of Potential Danger

- 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?

*note health center should design safety protocol if patient is unable to be seen alone (i.e., partner refuses to leave, patient accompanied by children)

If NO to above questions:

Refer to local social services as appropriate

No perceived danger/Patient refuses help:

DV advocate/ HT coalition can help determine next steps and referrals

If there is perceived danger and the patient wants help:

- NHTRC can also assist in assessing level of danger
- Discuss with local DV advocate/HT coalition for next steps. You may need to involve law enforcement for victim safety (esp. if patient is a minor).