



Medical responses to sex and labor trafficking can enhance identification, improve investigations and prosecutions, and provide victims with necessary medical care and education. The following are federal resources that can be used to improve your jurisdiction's medical response to human trafficking.

Introduction to the SANE Program Development and Operation Guide, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME <https://www.ovcttac.gov/saneguide/introduction/> (last visited Aug. 6, 2025)

This online guide provides a blueprint to communities that want to create a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) program and to serve as a resource for communities who wish to expand or enhance their existing SANE program. The guide covers everything from the basics of what a SANE program is to expected challenges to a SANE program.

Resources: Common Health Issues Seen In Victims of Human Trafficking, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/health_problems_seen_in_traffick_victims.pdf (last visited Jul. 23, 2025).

This document created by the Federal Administration for Children and Families outlines some of the health issues that trafficking victims may experience due to their exploitation.

National Human Trafficking Training & Technical Assistance Center: Resources, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, <https://nhttac.acf.hhs.gov/resources> (last visited July 22, 2025).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center offers resources for healthcare and service professionals to strengthen the public health response to human trafficking through training and technical support. Trainings are available online or in person for individuals or groups.

SOAR: Resources for Health Care Providers, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/otip/soar_resources_for_health_care_providers.pdf (Last visited July 28, 2025).

The Federal Administration for Children and Families provides anti-trafficking resources for health care providers through the SOAR training program. This PDF includes educational frameworks, key organizations, and relevant statistics. It also features a case study to help providers apply these tools in practice.

Trauma and Violence, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, (Aug. 2019), <https://www.samhsa.gov/trauma-violence>.

This webpage offers resources and information regarding the medical impacts of trauma.

Webinar by Jane Anderson and Kim Nash, *A SANE Approach to Human Trafficking Cases*, AEQUITAS, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUnydnh-rEk> (uploaded October 2022 and on file with AEQUITAS).

This webinar funded by the Office of Victims of Crime discusses strategies for prosecutors to work with medical professionals to better seek justice for victims of human trafficking, focused on the critical value of multidisciplinary collaboration.

Jessica Tiller & Sarah Reynolds, *Human Trafficking in the Emergency Department: Improving Our Response to a Vulnerable Population*, 21(3) W. J. OF EMERGENCY MED. 549 (2020), <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7234705/pdf/wjem-21-549.pdf>.

This article provides guidance for developing and implementing a human trafficking response protocol in an emergency department. Using the HEAL Trafficking Toolkit and existing expert recommendations, the authors present a model for protocol creation based on real-world practices from other healthcare centers.

Tiffany Dovydaitis, *Human Trafficking: The Role of the Health Care Provider*, 55(5) J. MIDWIFERY & WOMEN'S HEALTH 462 (2010), <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3125713/pdf/nihms295564.pdf>.

This article provides clinicians with foundational knowledge about human trafficking and provides specific tools for assisting victims in a clinical setting. It outlines a range of health problems commonly associated with trafficking, discusses indicators to look for in potential victims of human trafficking, and offers guidance on responding to victim's needs through individualized treatment planning.

Leanne van Rooy MCur et al., *Elements of a Care Pathway for Human Trafficking Victims in Emergency Departments: A Mapping Review*, 22(1) WORLDVIEWS ON EVID. BASED NURSING (2025), <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11717738/pdf/WVN-22-0.pdf>.

This review identifies key elements for developing a care pathway to help emergency departments recognize and respond to human trafficking victims. Drawing from five electronic databases, the study outlines a holistic, person-centered, trauma-informed strategy to approach, strategize, identify, assess, and care for trafficking victims in the Emergency Department setting.