



## Hospitals Against Violence: Human Trafficking Awareness Month AHA Digital Media Toolkit

January is human trafficking awareness month. Every day hospitals and health systems see patients who are victims of human trafficking. For this reason, human trafficking is one of the main focus areas of AHA's Hospitals Against Violence Initiative. We encourage you to use the content below on your social media channels to amplify this important message. Please contact Emily Gustafson ([egustafson@aha.org](mailto:egustafson@aha.org)) or Samantha Dean ([sdean@aha.org](mailto:sdean@aha.org)) with any questions.

### Messages

- 10 signs that your patient could be a victim of #humantrafficking: <http://ow.ly/JqDN30mSBZb> #HAVhope #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth
- Hospitals are coming together across the country and within their communities to address #humantrafficking. Read about one collaborative in Houston: <http://ow.ly/JqDN30mSBZb> #HAVhope
- This #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth, we join America's hospitals and health systems in bringing awareness to this major public health issue. Here are 10 signs that your patient could be a victim of #humantrafficking. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/JqDN30mSBZb> #HAVhope
- In 2017, there were over 26,000 tips of human trafficking reported in the U.S. This #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth, we join America's hospitals and health systems in raising awareness of this public health concern. [VIDEO] #HAVhope
- #DidYouKnow 50% of #humantrafficking victims come into contact with a health care professional? This #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth, we are bringing awareness to this major public health issue and ways hospitals & health systems are working to combat it: <http://ow.ly/IKum30ndzaN>
- For the first time, 29 new ICD-10 codes are now available to allow providers and coding professionals to identify, track and assist victims of #humantrafficking. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/gbaJ30ndzxx> #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth
- As part of our #HAVhope campaign, we have many resources -- including webinars, podcasts, and online tools -- to help health care professionals as they identify and care for victims of #humantrafficking. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/UIH230ndzUX> #HumanTraffickingAwarenessMonth

## Graphics

### Facebook:

**Human Trafficking**  
10 Red Flags that Your Patient Could be a Victim

Resource adapted from materials developed by Catholic Health Initiatives.

- 1. Clinical presentation and oral history don't match up
- 2. Oral history is scripted, memorized or mechanical
- 3. Someone with the patient exerts an unusual amount of control over the visit
- 4. Patient appears fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, hyper-vigilant or paranoid
- 5. Patient is concerned about being arrested or jailed
- 6. Patient is concerned for his/her family's safety
- 7. Evidence that care has been lacking for prior or existing conditions
- 8. Tattoos or insignia's indicative of ownership
- 9. Occupational-type injuries or physical ailments linked to their work
- 10. Sexually transmitted infections

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### Twitter:



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