

Massachusetts Medical Society Policy

Human Trafficking

Understanding that health care providers have a unique and potentially critical role to play in the prevention, identification, treatment, and assistance of trafficked persons, the Massachusetts Medical Society:

- Affirms that human trafficking, in all its forms, is a detriment to the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities, and to society-at-large;
- Calls for the integration of human trafficking education into the curricula of medical schools;
- Supports the efforts of colleagues from other health professions to integrate human trafficking education into their respective school curricula;
- Promotes continuing medical education and training on human trafficking for all health care providers, including training on trauma-informed, survivor-centered patient care;
- Supports interprofessional and interdisciplinary efforts to prevent human trafficking and to assist trafficked persons;
- Encourages research that advances our epidemiological understanding of human trafficking, its effects on individual and population health, best practices for human trafficking prevention, education and training of health care professionals, and clinical assessment and response to trafficked persons; and
- Promotes and supports the development and implementation of evidence-based practice setting-specific response protocols, as well as broader policies, procedures, and resource allocation to assist trafficked persons who present for care in the health care setting. (HP)

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