EMS ENCOUNTERS WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING: EAST COAST

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HOW I ALMOST MISSED A CASE AND NOW BELIEVE EMS IS KEY!

PS—Most cases don’t look like this!
Location of Potential Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.

This map only reflects cases where the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.
IF YOU HAVE A CONNECTION WITH THE PATIENT...OFFER SOME QUESTIONS

• Is anyone forcing you to do anything?
• How do you pay for your drugs?
• Can you come and go as you wish?
GOAL IS NOT RESCUE OR DISCLOSURE

Make the goal keeping the patient’s trust.
Inching closer to finding a safe path.

VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING ARE OFTEN LURED INTO ENSLAVEMENT BY THE PROMISE OF A BETTER LIFE, ONLY TO FIND THEMSELVES TRAPPED IN EXPLOITATION.
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