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# HEALTHCARE'S ROLE IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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## STATEMENT OF CREDIT AND PURPOSE

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### OVERVIEW

Human trafficking occurs when a trafficker exploits an individual with force, fraud, or coercion to make them perform commercial sex or work. Sex trafficking is defined by the amended Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.” It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to make an adult engage in commercial sex acts, but any commercial sexual activity with a minor, even without force, fraud, or coercion, is considered trafficking. This type of violence exploits women, men, and children across the United States and around the world. Sex trafficking is preventable. Understanding the shared risk and protective factors for violence can help us prevent trafficking from happening in the first place.(CDC 2019)

#### National Human Trafficking Statistics

- 24.9 million people are victims of forced labor. (ILO, 2017)
  - o16 million people are trafficked for forced labor in the private economy. (Private economy includes: private individuals, groups, or companies in all sectors except the commercial sex industry). (ILO, 2017)
  - o4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation. (ILO, 2017)
  - o4.1 million people are trafficked for forced labor in state-imposed forced labor.It is estimated that 20.9 million people are trafficked worldwide. (ILO, 2017)
  - Women and girls are disproportionately affected by human trafficking, accounting for 71% of all victims. (ILO, 2017)
- Sex Trafficking Statistics
- 3.8 million adults are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation and 1.0 million children are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. (ILO, 2017)

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including Georgia. The NHTH works closely with service providers, law enforcement, and other professionals in Georgia to serve victims and survivors of trafficking, respond to human trafficking cases, and share information and resources. Since 2007 in GA Since 2007 Total Contacts: 5,717 Total Cases: 1,701 Total Victims - Moderate: 4,175 Total Victims - High: 4,431

Over Super Bowl week, 169 people were arrested during an 11-day, FBI-led human trafficking operation. The Violent Crimes Against Children/Human Trafficking Program and Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation Task Force announced it had also rescued 18 victims of human trafficking, including nine juveniles and nine adults. Most victims of HT have been serviced in emergency departments, urgent care facilities, refugee centers and adolescent health clinics. In one study, 87.8% of trafficking survivors reported accessing healthcare services during their trafficking situation. Of this, 68.3% were seen at an emergency department (Lederer &Wetzel, 2014). A great need exists to train physicians and health care professionals of differing specialties and levels to be able to recognize and provide services necessary for the victims of HT.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/svprevention-a.pdf>

### INTENDED AUDIENCE

This program is designed for physicians, nurses, students, social scientists, and all others with a role and interest in impacting the plight of vulnerable populations affected by human trafficking.



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## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

This forum aims to help curtail Human Trafficking through a presentation, dramatization (by students of PCOM) and a panel discussion. The objectives are to train physicians and healthcare workers:

1. Learn and utilize tools, strategies to gain an appropriate history when human trafficking may be present;
2. Evaluate for mental health issues (depression, anxiety, etc.) and physical health concerns (pregnancy, STIs, injuries due to trauma, etc.);
3. Provide safety when mandated by law or requested by the patient/victim;
4. Involve law personnel when appropriate;
5. Connect patient/victim to social and behavioral health services.

## **FORMAT**

In seminar format, leading health physicians will share strategies and interventions for increasing awareness, developing prevention strategies, recognizing human trafficking victims in the medical setting and advocating for stronger regulatory oversight toward improved outcomes, with a focus on the most impacted populations.

Participants will benefit from a simulation by students and volunteers from Philadelphia College of Medicine, updates regarding initiatives from local and state governments, keynote presentation from a world renowned speaker from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and panel experts representing medical, legal, educational and social programs who are already on the forefront fighting for victims of human and sex trafficking.

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Morehouse School of Medicine and Georgia State Medical Association. The Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians

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## Welcome Remarks

Frank K. Jones, MD, FACS  
President, Atlanta Medical Association

## Simulation

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Students & Volunteers

## Introduction of Special Guests

Priscilla Hubbard, PhD, DBA  
Chief Operating Officer, Atlanta Medical Association

## Greetings

Lisa Perry-Gilkes, MD, FACS  
President-Elect, Medical Association of Georgia  
Oulèye Ndoye Warnock,  
Senior Human Trafficking Fellow, City of Atlanta  
Sebastian Barron,  
Representative, Georgia Governor Kemp's Office

## Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Winston Price, MD, FACPE  
Past-President, National Medical Association 2004-2005  
Former Board Member - National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 2005-2019

## Keynote Speaker

Sharon W. Cooper, MD, FAAP  
CEO, Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, P.A.  
Adjunct Faculty Member, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine  
Board Member - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 2007-present

## Documentary Preview

"Bondage"  
Antonio Moses, Director

## Introduction of Panel Moderator

Julianne Adams Birt, MD, FACOG  
Symposium Chairman

## Panel Discussion

Moderator - Mrs. Donna Lowry  
Dr. Sharon Cooper - Developmental & Forensics Pediatrician  
Mr. Jeff Shaw - Out of Darkness  
Mrs. Karen Jones - Survivor  
Ms. Erika Y. Mitchell - Board Member Atlanta Board of Education, District 5  
Dr. Sharnell Myles - Licensed Psychotherapist/Trauma Specialist  
Attorney Earnelle Winfrey - Fulton County Assistant D.A.

## Closing Remarks

Kimberly Williams, PhD  
Executive Director, Georgia State Medical Association



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### BIOS

**Dr. Sharon Cooper** is a developmental and forensic pediatrician who evaluates and treats children who have been victims of all forms of abuse, though her primary area of expertise is that of sexual exploitation. Dr. Cooper holds faculty positions at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Department of Pediatrics and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

She is a consultant and Board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She is also a member of the Expert Working Group on Children who Experience Violence in Cyberspace, of the Baltic Seas. She has lectured nationally and internationally, and has provided Congressional testimony in the United States, Russia, Manitoba Canada, and Italy on child sexual exploitation. She has spoken at the European Commission on a safer Internet and is the lead author of one of the most comprehensive text on child sexual exploitation. Dr. Cooper provides training to numerous national and international investigative agencies in the area of Internet and Communication Technology crimes against children.

Dr. Cooper recently served as a Task Force member on the Defending Childhood-Children Exposed to Violence report, having been appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder. She actively evaluates victims of child abuse images and the commercial sexual exploitation and has been qualified as an expert witness in more than 300 court proceedings. She regularly provides training for multidisciplinary teams who work on child maltreatment cases and provides particular attention to all forms of sexual exploitation. She continues to provide medical care for children with disabilities and serves in several organizations which work towards the prevention of child maltreatment.

Dr. Cooper continues to serve with an International Working Group on the victim impact for survivors of child sexual abuse imagery, sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

She recently produced *Not Just Pictures*, the first American documentary to provide insight into the ongoing extraordinary impact of the victimization of children whose abusive images are distributed in cyberspace.