

UTMB Health Department of Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Presents:
Andrea Link, MD
Baylor College of Medicine



Thursday
September 15, 2016

for
**THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE
GRAND ROUNDS LECTURE**

**“Identification of Human
Trafficking Victims in the
Primary Care Setting”**

12:15 -1:15 pm
Primary Care Pavilion
Room 2.268
400 Harborside Dr.
Galveston, Texas 77550

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Andrea Link, MD, a Clinical Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, will be the guest lecturer during UTMB Health's Department of Family Medicine Grand Rounds on September 15, 2016. Dr. Link will discuss the identification of human trafficking victims in the primary care setting.

“Primary care practitioners can play a critical role in the identification of individuals subject to or at risk for sexual exploitation. Human trafficking and prostitution often are associated with a specific set of conditions and risk factors which can be recognized in the primary care setting. Therefore primary care practitioners are in a unique position to identify, assess and respond to the needs of trafficked persons, provided they are trained to recognize the circumstances and risk factors associated with sexual exploitation. The goals for this lecture will include educating primary care practitioners in: (a) the risk factors and warning signs associated with sexual exploitation; (b) a safe and sensitive plan of recommended action when sexual exploitation is suspected; and (c) the details of available programs designed to address the medical, social and psychological needs of formerly trafficked persons.”

Dr. Link attended medical school and completed her residency training in pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California. She then spent several years as a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas before shifting her interests. She spent three years on the Jail Inreach Project with Healthcare for the Homeless Houston.

During this experience Dr. Link worked with incarcerated women at the Harris County Jail, many of whom are victims of human trafficking. She developed the "Health and Whole" program, which serves as an innovative and multimodal program to help women who are recovering from prostitution and human trafficking to transition out of prostitution and out of the cycle of homelessness, incarceration, and prostitution. The program is a collaboration between Healthcare for the Homeless Houston and Angela House, and includes wellness, health education, healing through the arts, peer support, employment counseling, and psycho-educational programming. Many of the services are provided by students in medicine, pharmacy, and social work.

Dr. Link also conducts research the psychosocial and medical issues related to street-level prostitution. Join us for this enlightening discussion on September 15th.