

DEVELOPING DATA

Healthcare Visits by Victims of Human Trafficking Are Limited, but Often Include Urgent Care

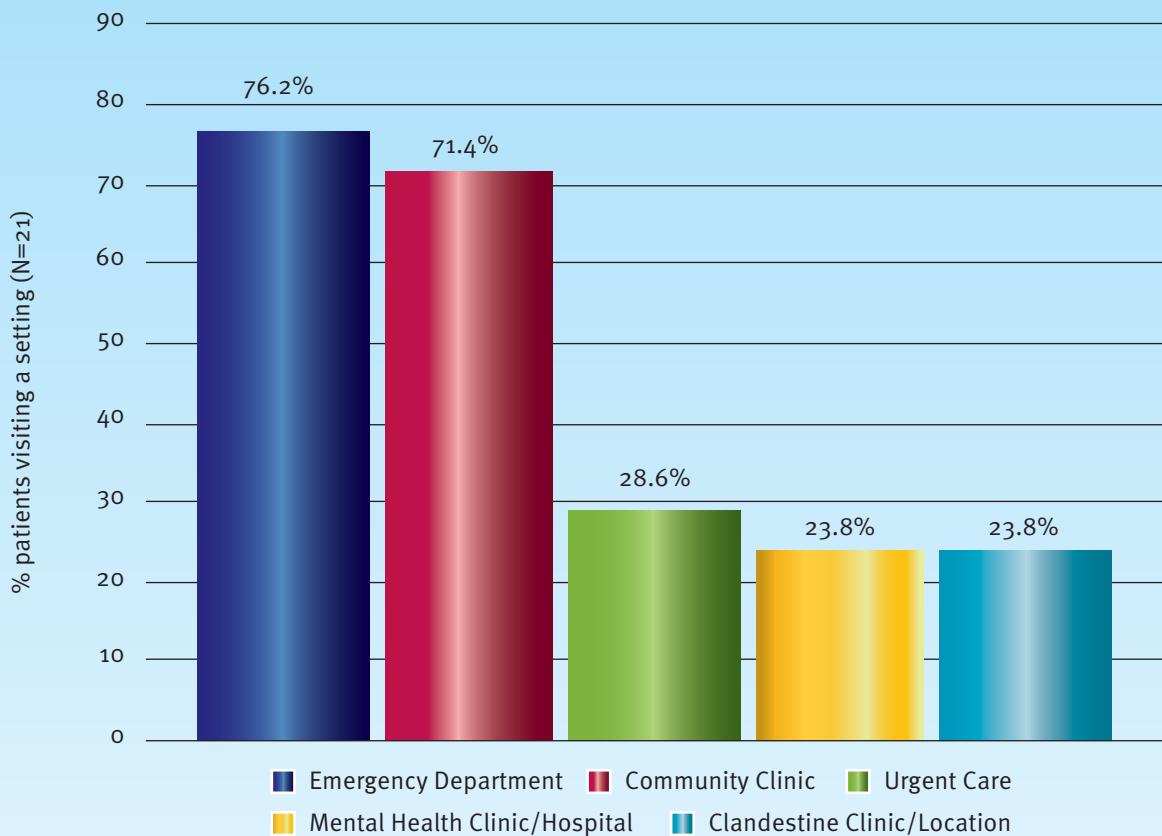
As noted in this month's cover article (Human Trafficking in the Urgent Care Setting: Recognizing and Referring Vulnerable Patients), isolation is one of many tools perpetrators use to control victims of human trafficking. Certainly this includes limiting access to healthcare.

Not surprisingly, when care is necessary it's not likely to be sought in a primary care office. Rather, busy acute care

sites that offer walk-in access and relative anonymity tend to be preferred—with urgent care being the third most visited behind emergency rooms and community clinics (see the graph below).

For insights on red flags and the most prudent steps to take when dealing with a patient whom you suspect could be a victim of human trafficking, turn to page 13.

FIVE MOST-VISITED HEALTHCARE SETTING DURING HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMIZATION PERIOD



Source: Richie-Zavaleta AC, Villanueva A, Martinez-Donate A, et al. Sex trafficking victims at their junction with the healthcare setting—a mixed-methods inquiry. *J Hum Traffick*. 2020;6(1):1-29.