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Media Release

## **State Board of Pharmacy Releases Pharmacist Continuing Education Course on Human Trafficking**

COLUMBUS, OH – (Franklin County) – On April 2, 2015, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Executive Director, Steven W. Schierholt, Esq., announced the release of a pharmacist continuing education course on human trafficking.

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide. Victims of human trafficking include children involved in the sex trade, adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or services," such as domestic workers held in a home, or farm-workers forced to labor against their will. More information on Ohio's efforts to combat human trafficking can be found at [www.humantrafficking.ohio.gov](http://www.humantrafficking.ohio.gov).

"The Board is proud to support the on-going efforts of Governor Kasich to end this heinous crime", says Schierholt. "The goal of this course is to raise awareness of this important issue and show the pharmacy community that, as health care providers, they have a unique role in identifying possible victims."

This no-cost continuing education course provides a general overview of the issue, including state and federal anti-trafficking laws and ways to identify victims. The one-hour course is available to all Ohio licensed pharmacists and can be accessed by visiting the following website; [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/humantrafficking](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/humantrafficking).

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