



ALL PATIENTS SAFE:
Suicide Prevention for Medical
Professionals

PROTOCOL PLANNING TOOL

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<p>Steps to protocol development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do an honest assessment of the All Patients Safe protocol elements 2. Work to get leadership on board (unless, of course, you represent leadership) 3. Assemble a team of champions 4. Start somewhere, identify an element(s) that is low hanging fruit for your practice 5. Follow through 	<p>Team members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
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	Suicide Prevention Protocol Elements	This element is in place	What is currently happening in my practice setting?	My next steps
Agency prioritizes suicide	Agency protocols address: patient education, screening, assessment, safety planning and removing dangers, and suicide care management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Tools for screening, assessment, risk determination and safety planning are embedded in the electronic health record or are easily identifiable in your written documentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	All medical staff are provided role-specific training	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		



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	All non-medical staff are provided role-specific training	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	There is a plan and supports for providers and staff if there is a patient that dies by suicide in this organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	There is a plan and supports from this organization in case a provider or a colleague dies by suicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Safer Homes	Patient literature on safe storage of medications and firearms is available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Every patient is advised how to make their home safer to prevent suicide and other medication and firearm-based tragedies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Look	Providers are trained to identify risk factors and warning signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	All patients are screened for depression and suicide risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Team communicates to make ensure patients that screen positive are	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Empathize and listen	Provider workflow allows for extra time to work with complex patients	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	A patient-centered approach to care exists in this practice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ask and assess	A team member is assigned to complete the assessment of a potentially suicidal patient (e.g., medical provider, nurse, mental health professional).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Practice has plan to gather further information once a patient has screened positive for thoughts of suicide.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	If not in electronic health record, a place is designated to keep resources to help with suicide-risk assessment? (e.g., Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, SAFE-T).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A in EHR		
	Team member is available to help when a potentially suicidal patient is identified. Practice may have other partners in this task, including mental health partnerships.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Clinic is up-to date on local rules about confidentiality related to safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat		

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	risks, including a plan to manage adolescents and special considerations about breaking confidentiality to involve parents if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Patients at risk are identified by flag or other indicator in EHR. <i>This could be similar to medication allergies or other problem list items.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	A plan is in place to assess and manage self-injurious behavior.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	A plan is in place to assess and manage intoxicated patients.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Remove danger and plan for safety	Key supports in your community to remove means have been identified.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	The clinic has a resource list of community resources to support means removal to share with patients.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	EHR has functions to help identify medications that increase suicidal thoughts and lethal in overdose.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	There is a clear protocol to generate and document safety plans.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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	Suicide contracts are no longer used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	The Lifeline number (1-800-273-8255) or other relevant emergency / crisis numbers are easily available in care rooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Next steps to continuous care	<p>The clinic has a clear plan to manage patients that need emergency treatment or involuntary detention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a staff member is designated to sit with the patient ii. a staff member is designated to call the ambulance/911. iii. clinic has a designated emergency room to send patients for evaluation and treatment. iv. clinic has a clear plan to communicate with the receiving hospital about any concerns and assessment. v. Patients are not transported by self or family after referral to emergency treatment has been established. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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	The clinic has clear guidelines and processes in place to make sure to follow up on safety planning. There is a system in place to track commitments.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	The clinic has clear guidelines and processes to follow patients that are hospitalized.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	There is a clear policy about how patients at risk are seen for close follow-up after discharge. Clinic has set standards about how soon patients will be seen back. There is a clear process to make sure no patients “fall through the cracks”.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Agency has clear processes in place to ensure continuity of care when patients are referred to outside resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	There are clear protocols to connect patients at risk to mental health treatment. A list of community resources is actively maintained	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Our clinic uses caring letters or messages. We have designated staff time to do this and to track and manage this work.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No		