COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE (C-SSRS) C-SSRS Admission Risk Assessment

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inte	structions: Check all risk and protective factors that applerview, review of medical record(s) and/or consultation wit fessionals.	
	Suicidal and Self-Injurious Behavior (Past week)	Comments
	Actual suicide attempt □ Lifetime	
	Interrupted attempt □ Lifetime	
	Aborted or Self-Interrupted attempt □ Lifetime	
	Other preparatory acts to kill self Lifetime	
	Self-injurious behavior without suicidal intent □ Lifetime	
	Suicidal Ideation (Most Severe In Past Week)	Comments
	Wish to be dead	
	Suicidal thoughts	
	Suicidal thoughts with method (but without specific plan or intent to act)	
	Suicidal intent (without specific plan)	
	Suicidal intent with specific plan	
	Activating Events (Recent)	Comments
	Recent loss or other significant negative event Describe:	
	Pending incarceration or homelessness	
	Current or pending isolation or feeling alone	
	Treatment History	Comments
	Previous psychiatric diagnoses and treatments	
	Hopeless or dissatisfied with treatment	
	Noncompliant with treatment	
	Not receiving treatment	
	Other Risk Factors:	Comments

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Cli	nical Status (Recent)	Comments
	Hopelessness	
	Major depressive episode	
	Mixed affective episode	
	Command hallucinations to hurt self	
	Highly impulsive behavior	
	Substance abuse or dependence	
	Agitation or severe anxiety	
	Perceived burden on family or others	
	Chronic physical pain or other acute medical problem (AIDS, COPD, cancer, etc.)	
	Homicidal ideation	
	Aggressive behavior towards others	
	Method for suicide available (gun, pills, etc.)	
	Refuses or feels unable to agree to safety plan	
	Sexual abuse (lifetime)	
	Family history of suicide (lifetime)	
Pro	tective Factors (Recent)	Comments
	Identifies reasons for living	
	Responsibility to family or others; living with family	
	Supportive social network or family	
	Fear of death or dying due to pain and suffering	
	Belief that suicide is immoral; high spirituality	
	Engaged in work or school	
Oth	er Protective Factors:	Comments
Des	cribe any suicidal, self-injurious or aggre	ssive behavior (include dates):

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SUICIDAL IDEATION	
Ask questions 1 and 2. If both are negative, proceed to "Suicidal Behavior" section. If the answer to question 2 is "yes", ask questions 3, 4 and 5. If the answer to question 1 and/or 2 is "yes" complete "Intensity of Ideation" section below.	Past Week
1. Wish to be Dead	
Subject endorses thoughts about a wish to be dead or not alive anymore, or wish to fall asleep and not wake up.	
Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?	
If yes, describe:	
Non-Specific Active Suicidal Thoughts General non-specific thoughts of wanting to end one's life/commit suicide (e.g., "I've thought about killing myself"),	
without thoughts of ways to kill oneself/associated methods, intent, or plan during the assessment period.	
Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?	
If yes, describe:	
3. Active Suicidal Ideation with Any Methods (Not Plan) without Intent to Act	
Subject endorses thoughts of suicide and has thought of at least one method during the assessment period. This is	
different than a specific plan with time, place or method details worked out (e.g., thought of method to kill self but not	
a specific plan). Includes person who would say, "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific	
plan as to when, where or how I would actually do it and I would never go through with it. " Have you been thinking about how you might do this?	
If yes, describe:	
4. Active Suicidal Ideation with Some Intent to Act, without Specific Plan	<u></u>
Active suicidal thoughts of killing oneself and subject reports having some intent to act on such thoughts, as opposed	
to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."	
Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?	
If yes, describe:	
5. Active Suicidal Ideation with Specific Plan and Intent	
Thoughts of killing oneself with details of plan fully or partially worked out and subject has some intent to carry it out.	
Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?	
If yes describe	
Intensity of Ideation	Past Week
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Frequency How many times have you had these thoughts?	
(1) Less than once a week (2) Once a week (3) 2-5 times in week (4) Daily or almost daily (5) Many times each day	
Duration	
When you have the thoughts how long do they last?	
(1) Fleeting - few seconds or minutes (4) 4-8 hours/most of day	
(2) Less than 1 hour/some of the time (5) More than 8 hours/persistent or continuous	
(3) 1-4 hours/a lot of time	
Controllability	
Could/can you stop thinking about killing yourself or wanting to die if you want to? (1) Easily able to control thoughts (4) Can control thoughts with a lot of difficulty	
(2) Can control thoughts with little difficulty (5) Unable to control thoughts	
(3) Can control thoughts with some difficulty (0) Does not attempt to control thoughts	
Deterrents	
Are there things - anyone or anything (e.g., family, religion, pain of death) - that stopped you from wanting to	
die or acting on thoughts of committing suicide?	•
(1) Deterrents definitely stopped you from attempting suicide (4) Deterrents most likely did not stop you	
(2) Deterrents probably stopped you (5) Deterrents definitely did not stop you	
(3) Uncertain that deterrents stopped you (0) Does not apply Reasons for Ideation	
What sort of reasons did you have for thinking about wanting to die or killing yourself? Was it to end the	
pain or stop the way you were feeling (in other words you couldn't go on living with this pain or how you	
were feeling) or was it to get attention, revenge or a reaction from others? Or both?	
(1) Completely to get attention, revenge or a reaction from others (4) Mostly to end or stop the pain (you couldn't go	
on	
(2) Mostly to get attention, revenge or a reaction from others living with the pain or how you were feeling)	
(3) Equally to get attention, revenge or a reaction from others (5) Completely to end or stop the pain (you couldn't go	
on and to end/stop the pain living with the pain or how you were feeling) (0) Does not apply	

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SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR (Check all that apply so	long as these are separ	ate events; must ask about a//	types)	Past Week
Actual Attempt: (Ask questions 1-3. If the re	sponse is yes, ask t	he follow-up questions to e	licit more	
information.)		• •		
A potentially self-injurious act committed with at least some wish to die, as a <i>result of act</i> . Behavior was in part thought of as method to kill oneself. Intent does not have to be 100%. If there is any intent/desire to die associated with the act, then it can be considered an actual suicide attempt. There does not have to be any injury or harm, just the potential for injury or harm. If person pulls trigger				
while gun is in mouth but gun is broken so no injury results, this is considered an attempt. Inferring Intent: Even if an individual denies intent/wish to die, it may be inferred clinically from the behavior or circumstances. For example, a highly lethal act that is clearly not an accident so no other intent but suicide can be inferred (e.g., gunshot to head, jumping				
from window of a high floor/story). Also, if someone d be inferred.				
1. Have you made a suicide attempt? Tyes	s 🗌 No			
2. Have you done anything to harm yourseld				
3. Have you done anything dangerous when What did you do?	e you could have di	ied?□Yes □No		
Did you as a way to end your life?				
Did you want to die (even a little) when you?				
Were you trying to end your life when you? Or Did you think it was possible you could have died:	from 9			
Or did you do it purely for other reasons / without AN get sympathy, or get something else to happen)? (Sel	Y intention of killing your:		tter,	
If yes, describe: Has subject engaged in Non-Suicidal Self-in	iurious Behavior?	IVes II No		
Interrupted Attempt:	, <u></u>			
When the person is interrupted (by an outside circums attempt would have occurred).	stance) from starting the	potentially self-injurious act (if no	ot for that, actual	
Overdose: Person has pills in hand but is stopped from				
interrupted attempt. Shooting: Person has gun pointer from pulling trigger. Once they pull the trigger, even if				
grabbed and taken down from ledge. Hanging: Person				
so.			-	
Has there been a time when you started to d you before you actually did anything?	o sometning to ena	your life but someone or se	omething stopped	
If yes, describe:				
Aborted or Self-interrupted Attempt: When person begins to take steps toward making a suicide attempt, but stops themselves before they actually have engaged in any self-destructive behavior. Examples are similar to interrupted attempts, except that the individual stops him/herself, instead of being				
stopped by something else.				
Has there been a time when you started to d	o something to try to	o end your life but you stop	ped yourself before	
you actually did anything? If yes, describe:				
Preparatory Acts or Behavior:				
Acts or preparation towards imminently making a suic as assembling a specific method (e.g., buying pills, pu				
writing a suicide note).	quinido ettempt or r	reparing to kill very self (or	iah an an llooting	
Have you taken any steps towards making a suicide attempt or preparing to kill yourself (such as collecting pills, getting a gun, giving valuables away or writing a suicide note)?				
If yes describe:				
Suicidal Behavior: Suicidal behavior was present dur	ing the assessment peri	iod?		
Actual Lethality/Medical Damage:	- /t-b	A		
 No physical damage or very minor physical damage Minor physical damage (e.g., lethargic speech; first 				
2. Moderate physical damage; medical attention need			cond-degree burns;	
bleeding of major vessel). 3. Moderately severe physical damage; medical hospi	talization and likely inter	sive care required (e.g., comato	se with reflexes intact:	
third-degree burns less than 20% of body; extensive b			oo mar onoxoo maot,	
4. Severe physical damage; medical hospitalization w			es; third-degree burns	
over 20% of body; extensive blood loss with unstable 5. Death	vitai sigris, major uamay	e to a vital alea).		
Potential Lethality: Only Answer if Actual Let				
Likely lethality of actual attempt if no medical damage for very serious lethality: put gun in mouth and pulled	(the following examples the trigger but gun fails t	i, while having no actual medical to fire so no medical damage: lav	damage, had potential	
oncoming train but pulled away before run over).				
0 = Behavior not likely to result in injury				
1 = Behavior likely to result in injury but not likely to cause death 2 = Behavior likely to result in death despite available medical care				
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Signature	Date	Time	Physician co-signatur	re required
12	File in assessment s	ection of chart	for resident.	