

PROTOCOL FOR: Suicidal/Homicidal Assessment

- POLICY:**
1. All patients will be assessed on each day of program participation for suicidal/homicidal ideation. The assessment will be documented on the Daily Note: Suicidal/Homicidal Ideation Assessment Note.
 2. If patient is assessed to be acutely suicidal/homicidal, the program manager and a program physician must be advised immediately.
 3. Patients who are acutely or imminently suicidal/homicidal are not appropriate for the Partial Hospitalization Program/Intensive Outpatient Program and will be referred for inpatient hospitalization. Refer to Admission (Direct) to Inpatient Psychiatric Units from PHP/IOP Programs.

DESIRED PATIENT

- OUTCOMES:**
1. Suicidal/homicidal patients will not be a danger to themselves or others.

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ASSESSMENT AND**

- CARE:**
1. When a patient expresses suicidal/homicidal ideation:
 - a. Staff must notify the patient's treatment coordinator and the program manager who will initiate a course of action.
 - b. The patient should not be left alone and will be monitored by a staff person continuously.
 - c. An assessment will be initiated to determine the seriousness and level of imminent threat of the suicidal/homicidal ideation using the Risk Parameters enumerated in the PHP/IOP Safety Assessment Guidelines.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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