

COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE

Screen Version - Recent

SUICIDE IDEATION DEFINITIONS AND PROMPTS	Past month	
Ask questions that are bolded and <u>underlined</u> .	YES	NO
Ask Questions 1 and 2		
1) Wish to be Dead: <u><i>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</i></u>		
2) Suicidal Thoughts: <u><i>Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?</i></u>		
If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.		
3) Suicidal Thoughts with Method (without Specific Plan or Intent to Act): <i>E.g. "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."</i> <u><i>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</i></u>		
4) Suicidal Intent (without Specific Plan): <i>As opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."</i> <u><i>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</i></u>		
5) Suicide Intent with Specific Plan: <u><i>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?</i></u>		
6) Suicide Behavior Question: <u><i>Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</i></u> Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc. If YES, ask: <u><i>Was this within the past three months?</i></u>		

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