

Ask Suicide-Screening Questions (ASQ):

A Brief Introduction

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Housekeeping and Helpful Hints

- Bathrooms
- Take breaks as needed
- Ask questions
- Suicide is an intense topic – take care of yourself

CEU Information

- The State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board has approved this seminar for 4 CEU credits. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is an approved provider by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (provider number RCX111201 and RSX030902).
- No partial credit will be given.
- Be sure your sign in and your email is correct.
- Failure to complete sign in, full attendance and survey may result in CEU not given.

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48 Hours to Complete Survey

You must complete the survey through **Survey Monkey** within **48 hours** of completion of the training. **CEU credit** will **NOT** be provided if you do not complete the survey within this timeframe.

Objectives

- Understand 3 Tiered Clinical Pathway for assessing suicide risk
- Provide introduction to Ask Suicide-Screening Questions (ASQ)
- Provide an introduction to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Psychiatry Intake Response Center (PIRC)

Three Tiered Clinic Pathway to Assess for Suicide Risk

- 1. ASQ:** four brief suicide screening questions that take less than 2 minutes to administer.
 - Administered at each outpatient visit.
 - If positive screen is obtained, move to second tier.
- 2. CSSRS:** more comprehensive evaluation that confirms/estimates suicide risk.
 - Used to guide next steps for safety planning or additional assessment
- 3. Full Psychiatric Evaluation:** at the Emergency Department, Bridge Clinic, or Best Point Urgent Care
 - Used to guide next steps for safety planning, short term crisis therapy or hospitalization

Ask Suicide-Screening Questions (ASQ)

- A rapid, psychometrically sound 4-item screening tool for all pediatric (8 and up) and adult patients presenting to health care settings
- Developed by 3 pediatric Emergency Departments (EDS)
 - Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC
 - Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts
 - Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
- Can be used by non-psychiatric clinicians
- Brief – takes less than 2 minutes to administer

Initial Assessment Questions

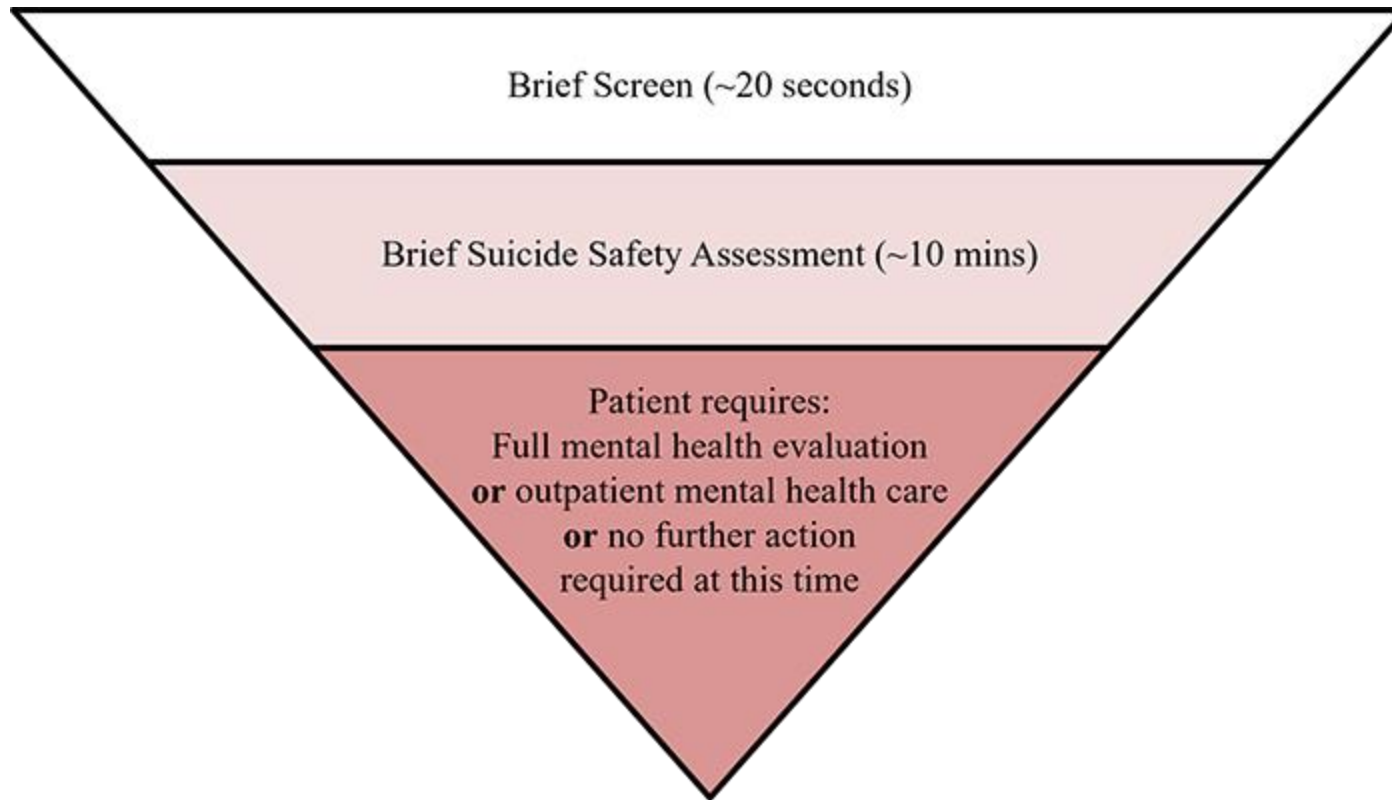
1. In the past few weeks, have you wished you were dead? Yes, No
2. In the past few weeks, have you felt that you or your family would be better off if you were dead? Yes, No
3. In the past week, have you been having thoughts about killing yourself? Yes, No
4. Have you ever tried to kill yourself? Yes, No
 - If yes, how?
 - If yes, when?

Acuity Question

- Ask only if individual has answered 'Yes' to any of the previous 4 questions
1. Are you having thought of killing yourself right now? Yes, No
 - If yes, please describe:

Screening Positive for Suicide Risk

- Non-Acute Positive
 - Most common positive screening
 - Individual answers 'yes' to any one of the first 4 questions
 - If anyone refuses to answer any question, it should be considered positive
 - Next step: Conduct a brief suicide safety assessment (CSSR-S) to determine next steps
- Acute Positive
 - Individual answers 'yes' to the 5th question
 - Next step: CSSR-S is not necessary as individual is automatically deemed an imminent risk
 - Individual should receive a full psychiatric evaluation



Considerations

- ASQ questions are for children and adults ages 8 and older
- Try to ask questions with parents/guardians out the room
- ASQ should be administered at each outpatient visit

Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC)

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What does PIRC do?

Serves as a community resource to connect children to the right level of care and takes emergency department referrals

- Can take information to be share with the individual assessing the child in the emergency department.
- If referral is made, provide you with information on decisions made while the child was in the emergency department.
- Connect a child to alternative crisis care via the Bridge Clinic.