

**COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE**  
 Screen with Triage Points for **Emergency Department**

Ask questions that are bolded and <u>underlined</u> .	Past month	
	YES	NO
Ask Questions 1 and 2		
1) <b><u>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</u></b>		
2) <b><u>Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?</u></b>		
<b>If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.</b>		
3) <b><u>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</u></b> 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."		
4) <b><u>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</u></b> As opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."		
5) <b><u>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?</u></b>		
6) <b><u>Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</u></b>  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.  <b>If YES, ask: <u>Was this within the past three months?</u></b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	
	<b>Past 3 Months</b>	

Item 1 Behavioral Health Referral at Discharge  
 Item 2 Behavioral Health Referral at Discharge  
 Item 3 Behavioral Health Consult (Psychiatric Nurse/Social Worker) and consider Patient Safety Precautions  
 Item 4 Immediate Notification of Physician and/or Behavioral Health and Patient Safety Precautions  
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 Item 6 Over 3 months ago: Behavioral Health Consult (Psychiatric Nurse/Social Worker) and consider Patient Safety Precautions  
 Item 6 3 months ago or less: Immediate Notification of Physician and/or Behavioral Health and Patient Safety Precautions