Understanding Suicidality and the Standard of Care

- Standards of care
- What we know about suicide risk assessment, intervention and treatment

A Model for Suicide Risk Assessment

- An empirically informed approach to risk assessment
- Understanding subjective and objective intent
- Differentiating acute and chronic risk

Intervention and Management

- Reconsidering no-suicide contracts and informed consent
- The Commitment to Treatment Agreement
- The crisis response plan
- Critical issues in initial management and treatment

The Essentials of Documentation

- The good, the bad and the ugly
- Essential elements of a good risk assessment entry
- Open and closed markers of risk
- Standard forms

Objectives

This workshop provides a framework for suicide risk assessment grounded in clear identification and articulation of core clinical competencies.

Participants will learn:

- essential tools needed to accurately assess suicide risk and manage challenging cases
- terminology used in categorizing patient behavior
- a clear theoretical model for suicidal ideation and behavior that cuts across diagnostic categories
- an empirically grounded assessment framework
- the standard of care and risk management
- guidelines for record keeping and documentation

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