



# Assessing, Treating, & Managing Suicidal Clients

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## Overview

Suicide is among the top 10 causes of death in the United States. No therapist is completely free of the responsibility to assess and respond to the risk of suicide. Evaluating and responding to a suicide risk is the most frequent mental health emergency. This live interactive webinar will review the risk-management issues that arise when clients pose an immediate threat of harm to themselves or to others. The discussion will focus on suicidal clients, with special attention to risk assessment and intervention.

## 1 CE Credit

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to describe:

- Factors that are helpful in evaluating and assessing the risk of suicide.
- Clinical, ethical, and legal issues involved with the management and treatment of clients who threaten to harm themselves.
- The importance of training and consultation with colleagues around these issues.

## Linda Knauss, Ph.D., ABPP

Linda K. Knauss, Ph.D., ABPP is a Professor at Widener University's Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology. She has served as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Psychological Association, the American Board of Professional Psychology, the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and has served as Co-chair of the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists' Ethics Committee. Dr. Knauss has taught courses in ethics at Widener University, Immaculata College, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has authored several book chapters and journal articles on ethics, and has taught many continuing education workshops on a variety of ethical issues.

Dr. Knauss is the past-president of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, the Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation, and the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists. She was also a member of the American Psychological Association's Council of Representatives. Dr. Knauss is the recipient of the 2002 Ethics Educators Award presented by the Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Ethics Committee, and the recipient of the 2004 Pennsylvania Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to her work at Widener University, Dr. Knauss maintains a private clinical practice where she sees children, adolescents, adults, and families.

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