



Suicide Prevention Considerations for Prescribing Providers

17 July 2025

A Live, Interactive Webinar

Description:

This intensive one-day module provides training in the assessment and management of suicide ideation and behavior. The theoretical underpinnings of suicide ideation and behavior are presented. Participants will be introduced to the Self-Directed Violence Classification System (SDVCS), a nomenclature supported by the DoD/VA for self-directed violence and suicidal behavior. Population-based risk and protective factors will be reviewed. Next, basic elements of suicide risk screening and assessment will be introduced. Participants will learn a number of crisis intervention strategies for working with suicidal patients. Participants will receive in-depth training in the assessment and management of suicidal patients and will have the opportunity to practice skills.. Video demonstrations and participant role-plays will be used in class to practice key assessment and intervention techniques. The module is designed for prescribing providers working with Service members who are seeking in-depth training in empirically supported treatment options they can immediately incorporate into their clinical practice. The training will provide hands-on practice activities and is geared toward an actively involved audience through discussion and in workshop activities. Participants are expected to actively engage in workshop activities and attend the full day of training. (US Department of Defense, 2021; World Health Organization, 2021; Joiner, 2005; Klonsky & May, 2015; Brenner et al., 2011; Veterans Health Administration & Department of Defense, 2019)

Total CME Credits: 4.50

Total Contact Hours: 4.50

Learning Objectives:

1. Distinguish suicidal and non-suicidal thoughts and behaviors using the Self-Directed Violence Classification System
2. Apply the 3-step theory of suicide to the process of clinical conceptualization and treatment planning.
3. Integrate Fluid Vulnerability Theory and the Risk Stratification Tool into the process for developing a suicide risk determination.
4. Design a safety plan in collaboration with a patient.
5. Use means safety counseling in patient interactions to improve clinical outcomes.
6. Propose strategies for mitigating the heightened risk for suicide during life transitions (*i.e.*, inpatient to outpatient care, military to veteran status).

Target Audience: For Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.



Instructional Content Level: Intermediate

Agenda:

Day One

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| Check In | 8:45 AM | 9:00 AM |
| Introduction & Course Overview | 9:00 AM | 9:10 AM |
| Epidemiology | 9:10 AM | 9:25 AM |
| Nomenclature | 9:25 AM | 9:45 AM |
| Theoretical Underpinnings | 9:45 AM | 10:00 AM |
| DoD Guidelines and Instruction | 10:00 AM | 10:25 AM |
| Suicide Risk Assessment | 10:25 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Break | 11:00 AM | 11:15 AM |
| Safety Planning | 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM |
| Lethal Means Safety Counseling | 11:45 AM | 12:45 PM |
| Transition to Lower Level of Care | 12:45 PM | 1:15 PM |
| Transition from Military to Civilian Life | 1:15 PM | 1:30 PM |
| Questions and Wrap Up | 1:30 PM | |

Continuing Medical Education:

Course Completion Requirements: Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive CME credits.

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Affinity CE Provider Approval

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There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CME requirements. CME Credit Certificates will be available for download via the registration system within 30 days after all course requirements have been completed.

Inquiries regarding CME credits may be directed via email to Brandon Carpenter at brandon.carpenter.ctr@usuhs.edu.

**Participate:**

Online Platform: Zoom

Date: 17 July 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Registration Information: <https://deploymentpsych.org/training>

Please note: You will be directed to our CME vendors site located here:

<https://cdp.cds.affinitycd.com/hub.php>. If this is your first time registering for this course you will be required to create a username and password upon registration.

Registration Deadline: Registration will close one week prior to the start date or when training capacity is met.

Cancellations/Questions: Please contact brandon.carpenter.ctr@usuhs.edu if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

Registration Cost/Refunds: This training is free for those with a .mil email address. Registration fees will be refunded to participants who send a written cancellation via email to brandon.carpenter.ctr@usuhs.edu no less than 2 weeks before the training. No refunds will be made after the training.

Required Materials: None

Location Information: Online via Zoom

Instructional Format: This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

System Requirements:**Zoom:**

- Internet connection
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari 7+
- Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher



Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Brandon Carpenter at brandon.carpenter.ctr@usuhs.edu 4 weeks prior to the training so that we may provide you with appropriate service.

Grievances: For any grievances or concerns with this training including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Amanda Stanley-Hulsey, via email at amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Instructor Biographies:

Marjorie Weinstock, Ph.D., is a counseling psychologist currently serving as an Associate Director at the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. In this capacity, she oversees a program focused on teaching encounter skills to sexual assault response professionals within the DoD. She also develops and presents workshops for clinicians across the country on various topics, including CBT for suicide prevention and working with military family and couples.

Dr. Weinstock joined the CDP in 2009 as a Deployment Behavioral Health Psychologist at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. Prior to that, she spent three years working for the Navy's Fleet & Family Support Program, where she provided counseling services to military members and their families. Dr. Weinstock is a graduate of Emory University and received her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University at Buffalo. She completed her internship at the Brockton, Massachusetts VA Medical Center and a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in clinical research and addictive disorders at the Brown University Training Consortium. As the spouse of a recently retired service member, Dr. Weinstock has a first-hand understanding of the demands of military service on the family. Her professional interests include cognitive behavioral therapy, suicide prevention, and the impact of military life on the family.

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