Predicting 3-Month Risk for Adolescent Suicide Attempts among Pediatric Emergency Department Patients

Five percent of male and 9% of U.S female high school students report a suicide attempt in the last year. Key risk factors differ for subgroups of adolescents defined by sex, and whether or not they report recent suicidal thoughts.

Risk Factors for Adolescent Suicide Attempt Can Inform Appropriate Intervention

- School connectedness
- Social connectedness
- Past week suicidal thoughts
- Past year nonsuicidal self-injury
- Lifetime severity of suicidal ideation
- Lifetime history of suicidal behavior

Factors vary by adolescent subgroup:
- Females, males, recent suicidal thoughts, no recent suicidal thoughts