Suicide Prevention and Health Care Accreditation: A Panel Discussion with the Joint Commission

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SPRC builds capacity and infrastructure for effective suicide prevention through consultation, training, and resources for state, tribal, health/behavioral health, and community systems; professionals and professional education programs; and national public and private partners and stakeholders.
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Moderator

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Learning Objectives

» Understand which suicide care and intervention practices are required to meet the Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) 15.01.01.

» Discuss frequently encountered challenges in implementing NPSG 15.01.01.

» Describe suicide prevention as a quality improvement initiative.
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NPSG.15.01.01 – Reduce the Risk for Suicide

EP1 - Environmental Safety
EP2 - Screening
EP3 - Assessment
EP4 – Risk Level & Mitigation
EP5 – Policies & Procedures
EP6 – Discharge Counseling & Follow-Up Care
EP7 – Monitoring Suicide Risk Reduction Strategies
Joint Commission Suicide Prevention Portal

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https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/patient-safety-topics/suicide-prevention/
National Patient Safety Goal for suicide prevention

Effective July 1, 2019, the Joint Commission revised its National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) 15.01.01 to improve suicide safety. The revised NPSG 15.01.01 requires hospitals to implement evidence-based programs to prevent suicide and to identify and assess patients at risk for suicide. The revised NPSG 15.01.01 is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to all Joint Commission-accredited and other hospitals that participate in the Joint Commission’s accreditation program.

Engagement with stakeholders, customers, and experts

The revised NPSG 15.01.01 was developed through a collaborative process involving stakeholders, customers, and experts. The Joint Commission engaged in a series of technical report meetings and feedback sessions to ensure that the revised NPSG 15.01.01 is evidence-based and reflects best practices for suicide prevention.

National Patient Safety Goal: Reduce the risk for suicide

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