

2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR ACTION

A report of the U.S. Surgeon General and of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention

- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death, claiming more than twice as many lives each year as does homicide.
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 25-34 year olds.
- On average, between 2001 and 2009, more than 33,000 Americans died each year as a result of suicide, which is more than 1 person every 15 minutes.
- In 2009, more Americans died from suicide than from motor vehicle traffic-related injuries.
- For every person who dies by suicide, more than 30 others attempt suicide.
- More than 8 million adults (3.7%) report having serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, 2.5 million report making a suicide plan in the past year, and 1.1 million report a suicide attempt in the past year.

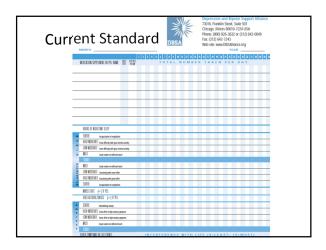
Why are We Failing to Effectively Treat Depression?

Do we lack effective treatments?



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- What Does Behavioral Health Presently Lack?
 - -Information
 - -Integration



DSM IV Inventory: SIGEMCAPS

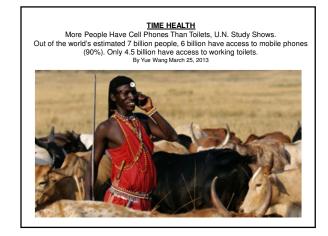
- Sleep (↓/↑)
- Interest (or pleasure)
- Guilt (or worthlessness)
- Energy (fatigue)
- Mood
- Concentration
- Appetite (↓/↑ or weight loss or gain)
- · Psychomotor retardation (or agitation)
- · Suicidal ideation (or thoughts of death)
- ≥5/9 Sx for ≥2 weeks

DSM V = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders criteria; Sx = symptoms.

Lack of Integration: Evolution of the Practice of Medicine

- Specialization of Medicine & Clinicians:
 - American Board of Medical Specialties recognizes a total of <u>24</u> specialty areas for board certification and <u>145 subspecialties</u>.
- Average Annual Patient Utilization of Healthcare:
 - A <u>typical patient</u> sees a median of <u>two primary care physicians</u> and <u>five specialists each year</u>, in addition to accessing diagnostics, pharmacy, and other services.
 - Patients with several <u>chronic conditions</u> may visit <u>up to 16</u> <u>physicians in a given year</u>.
 - More than 130 million Americans—nearly 1 in 2 adults—have at least 1 chronic disease.

(Strandberg-Larsen, Dan Med Bull 2011;58(2):B4245)





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- Healthcare Providers can also annotate directly into the patient's chart.
- Automatic notification can be implemented for closer monitoring.





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Guardian Angel Effect

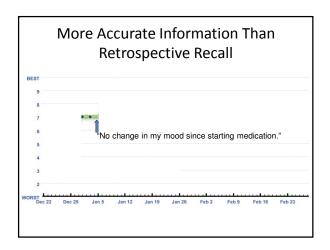
— "It's like a friend I can count on to call every evening always at the same time, waiting to hear how I'm feeling... I began to be able to see my own patterns and associate what was causing ups or downs."

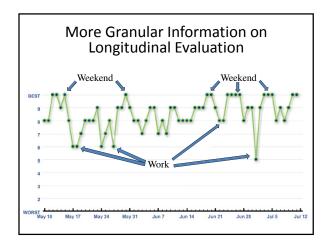
• Therapeutic and Preventative

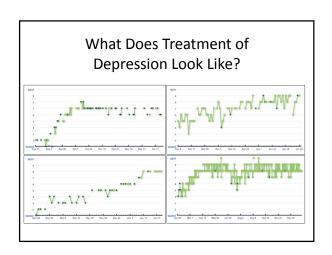
— "It makes me think about the the little things that I stress about sometimes. When I get the text from Mood 247, I sit back and think about what is most important to me and that is being happy."

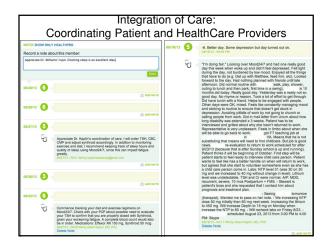
• Through Knowledge Comes Power

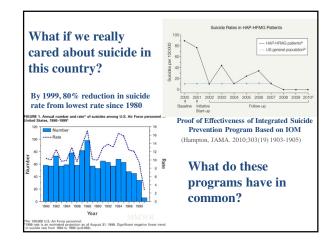
- "My patient had these 'light bulb' moments where she got what is going on with her mood disorder for the first time. It's like she went from being a little bobble head in a sea of emotions to being able to stand in the water and brace herself against the tide."





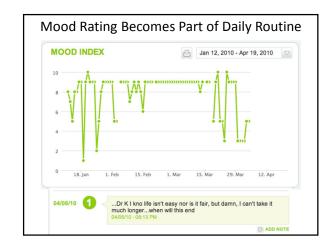






Decreasing Suicide: What Do These Programs Have in Common?

- · Awareness:
 - Recognition of the problem of suicide and the need to address it.
- · Accountability:
 - A commitment by all stakeholders to address the issue and prevent it.
- Ascertainment:
 - Routine screening by diverse members of the community and a way of monitoring the problem and response to intervention.
- · Active, Integrated, Timely Action Plan:
 - An integrated plan to address in a timely fashion those in need of help.



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