

## COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE

Screen with Triage Points for **Victim Advocates**

Ask questions that are in bold and underlined.	Past month	
Ask Questions 1 and 2	Y E S	N O
<b>1) <u>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</u></b>		
<b>2) <u>Have you had any actual thoughts of killing yourself?</u></b>		
<b>If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.</b>		
<b>3) <u>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</u></b> <i>e.g. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do it....and I would never go through with it."</i>		
<b>4) <u>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</u></b> <i>as opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."</i>		
<b>5) <u>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?</u></b>		
<b>6) <u>Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</u></b>  Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.		<b>Lifetime</b>
<b>If YES, ask: <u>Was this within the past 3 months?</u></b>		<b>Past 3 Months</b>

### Possible Response Protocol to C-SSRS Screening

Item 1 Behavioral Health Referral
Item 2 Behavioral Health Referral
Item 3 Behavioral Health Consult (Psychiatric Nurse/Social Worker) and consider Patient Safety Precautions
Item 4 Behavioral Health Consultation and Patient Safety Precautions
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Item 6 3 months or less: Behavioral Health Consultation and Patient Safety Precautions