



Arizona Dept. of Health Services – Emergency Department Needs and Resources Survey

Your input regarding the needs of emergency departments in providing services for individuals with suicide and/ or substance abuse issues is vital. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

1. In a typical week, what percent of patients that you treat have substance abuse problems?

- ≤ 10% 11-20% 21-30% 31-40% 41-50% ≥ 51% Not sure

2. In a typical week, what percent of patients that you treat are suicidal?

- ≤ 10% 11-20% 21-30% 31-40% 41-50% ≥ 51% Not sure

3. Which of the following would be most beneficial to better treat patients in the ED that are suicidal or have substance abuse problems? (please check all that apply)

- Screening tool(s) to identify suicidal patients or patients with substance abuse problems
- Training on identifying and assessing problems related to suicide or substance abuse
- Protocols for treating suicidal patients or patients with substance abuse problems
- Referral guides for after care
- After care materials for patients and families
- Additional community options for low-income or uninsured patients
- Other. Please explain _____

4. If you could design the ideal screening and referral process for suicidal patients or patients with substance abuse problems in the ED, what would it look like?

5. If a protocol or unofficial practice is in place in your ED to assess for substance abuse or suicidal thoughts/behaviors, please explain how it works and what staff carry it out.

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6. What would encourage ED staff to implement a screening protocol for substance abuse or suicide risk? (please check all that apply)
- Ease of use
 - Easy to integrate into existing ED procedures
 - Little demand on staff time and resources
 - Demonstrated effectiveness in rapid assessment
 - Required for licensing/accreditation
 - Mandated by the state
 - Would decrease risk or liability
 - Other. Please explain _____
7. What is the best way for a screening/assessment protocol to be performed in the ED? (please check one)
- Attach to existing forms completed by staff
 - A form for patient self-report
 - As part of provider “review of systems” or “social history template”
 - As part of nurse assessment
 - Other. Please explain _____
8. Which of the following interventions are currently occurring for suicidal patients in the ED? (please check all that apply)
- Psychiatric consult
 - Social Work consult
 - Referral back to primary care provider or mental health provider
 - Referral to local community services
 - Provide list of local resources and/or hotline numbers
 - Other. Please explain _____

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