

Is it rational to pursue zero suicides among patients in health care?

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[Suicide](#) in all settings is considered a [sentinel event](#). This commentary describes an aspirational suicide eradication program. The approach combines direct identification of suicidal behavior and treatment, system-focused process improvements, and organizational [safety culture](#) as interdependent strategies for eliminating suicide. A previous [WebM&M commentary](#) discussed a suicide attempt on an inpatient medical unit.