

Validation of a secondary screener for suicide risk: results from the Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-up Evaluation (ED-SAFE).

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This article describes the implementation of the Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-up Evaluation (ED-SAFE) Secondary Screener among adult patients at eight emergency departments (EDs) in seven states from August 2010 through November 2013. Of 1,376 patients endorsing active [suicidal ideation](#) or recent suicide attempt, most were positive for at least one indicator on the ED-SAFE screener. Based on score, the research team stratified patients at mild-, moderate-, or high-risk for suicide and these strata were associated with significantly different rates of suicidal behavior and attempts after 12 months of follow-up. The researchers recommend additional validation studies and removing elements with less predictive value to increase utility of this screening tool in the ED.