PURPOSE:
To identify and assure safe handling of patients with potential for suicide risk.

DEFINITIONS:
None

POLICY STATEMENT:
1. A suicide risk assessment will be completed for all patients who are admitted to the psychiatric service, or are being treated for psychiatric, emotional or behavior disorders/complaints in identified locations.
2. Suicide prevention information will be provided to all patients who are found to be at risk for suicide upon discharge from John Dempsey Hospital.

PROCEDURES/ATTACHMENTS/FORMS:

Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention Procedure
UConn Health Suicide Assessment Algorithm and RN Room Assessment Supplement

REFERENCES:


SEARCH WORDS:
Suicide, 1:1, Observation, Risk, Sitter
RELATED POLICIES:
1:1 Observation/Constant Observation Policy and Procedure

ENFORCEMENT:
Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

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