**SCREENING CRITERIA**
1. New patient
2. Existing patient who has not been screened within the past 30 days
3. Patient had a positive suicide risk screen the last time they were screened
4. Clinical judgement dictates screening

**PRESENTATION TO OUTPATIENT PRIMARY CARE & SPECIALTY CLINICS**
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- **Screen at next visit**

**NEGATIVE SCREEN**
- **Exit Pathway**

**LOW RISK**
- No further evaluation needed at this time

**FURTHER EVALUATION NEEDED**
- Mental health referral needed as soon as possible
- **Make a safety plan with the patient and parent/guardian to activate as needed.**
  - If mental health evaluation is not available within practice, refer to outpatient mental health clinician.

- **Schedule a follow up with patient within 72 hours for safety check and to determine whether or not they were able to obtain a mental health appointment.**

**IMMEDIATE RISK**
- Patient has acute suicidal thoughts and needs an urgent full mental health evaluation

- **INITIATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**
  - Until able to obtain full mental health evaluation

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**
- Per institution protocol; keep patient under direct observation, remove dangerous items, provide safety education, etc.

**SAFETY PLANNING**
- Create safety plan for potential future suicidal thoughts, including identifying personal warning signs, coping strategies, social contacts for support, and emergency contacts. Detailed instructions about safety planning can be found at https://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/patient-safety-plan-template
- Discuss lethal means safe storage and/or removal with both parent/guardian and child (e.g., ropes, pills, firearms, belts, knives)
- Provide Resources: 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
  - 1-800-273-TALK (8255), En Español: 1-888-628-9454, 24/7 Crisis Text Line: Text “START” to 741-741

**IF SUICIDE RISK BECOMES MORE ACUTE**
- Instruct patient/parent/guardian to contact outpatient healthcare provider to evaluate need for ED visit.