

# Quick Tip

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## Suicide Prevention

- Early recognition and intervention of suicidal ideation could prevent death.
- Effective communication of elevated suicide risk between multidisciplinary team members, patients, their families and/or substitute decision makers is fundamental.
- The patient is the foundation for suicide risk assessment
- At PRH, patients at risk are screened using the **Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) for Triage Assessment** to determine their level of risk for suicide, directing to the right level of care/interventions and addressing immediate safety needs.
- Multi-modal interventions and strategies are used:
  - Personal Safety Care Plans
  - Ensuring a safe environment, *philosophy of least restraint*
  - Close and constant observation
  - Escalated transfers to a Schedule 1 facility
  - Referral to community resources (patient & family)

*Timely communication of changes in risk level optimize quality patient care!*

It's Our Time to  
**SHINE** again!



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