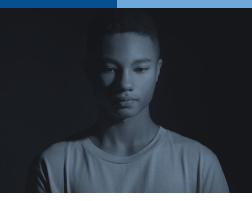


Emergency Care and the Pediatric Mental Health Crisis



In the United States, pediatric mental health has become a national emergency.

2nd

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for children over age 10.1

1 in 5

children ages 3-17 in the U.S. have a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder.² 7-8%

of adolescents attempt suicide each year.³

How does it affect EDs?

Emergency departments (EDs) are often the front door to care for children in crisis. Utilization for pediatric mental health visits increased by 8% annually between 2015 and 2020 while all other visits increased by 1.5% annually.⁴ EDs may struggle to meet the growing and complex needs of these children.

EMSC Resources for Emergency Clinicians

PEAK: Suicide	PEAK: Agitation	ED STOP Suicide Ol Collaborative Resources
For EDs and EMS	For EDs and EMS	For EDs
Clinical resources for suicide screening and prevention—including practice guidelines.	Clinical resources to assist in caring for children experiencing agitation.	Resources and recordings focused on screening and treatment options for pediatric suicide.



Access these resources and more at:

https://emscimprovement.center/domains/mental-health

View references here: https://bit.ly/mh-flyer-refs

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