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## Studies

### [Disparities in suicide risk trajectories among youth during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

This retrospective cohort study analyzed changing suicide risk in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic among young people. Among our cohort of youth, transgender and gender diverse youth, and younger youth were associated with higher odds for high suicide risk trajectories. Black and African American youth were associated with increasing risk during the extended pandemic only. These results emphasize the immediate and continuing need for targeted and effective suicide risk reduction efforts among youth.

### [Between Suicide and Regret: Media Representations of Gender-Affirming Care for Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth](#)

The study highlights how TGD youths' voices are largely absent from the media representations. It critiques the simplified constructions of gender dysphoria and calls for more nuanced understandings of the rise of a diagnosis, care access and mental health. Finally, the paper illustrates shifting alliances and resistance within a broader conjuncture where professional and cultural tensions shape public discourse on gender-affirming care.

### [Translational Needs: Informing Tools to Close the Knowledge-to-Practice Gap in Suicide Prevention](#)

Disseminating evidence from suicide prevention research in formats preferred by stakeholders, such as plain language summaries, could increase accessibility and reduce the knowledge-to-practice gap for successful interventions.

### [Initial Suicide-Related Disclosure Characteristics, Motivations, and Outcomes Based on Sexual Orientation](#)

These findings underscore the necessity of considering the impact of sexual orientation differences in initial suicidal thoughts and behaviors disclosure processes, which may set the benchmark for subsequent disclosure and help-seeking trajectories.

### [Child and Family Characteristics as Predictors of the Severity of Self-injurious Behaviours in Autistic Children and Adolescents](#)

Autistic children demonstrate an increased likelihood of self-injurious behaviours (SIB). To support autistic individuals who exhibit SIB and understand the factors that contribute to SIB, we examined several child and family characteristics associated with the severity of SIB.

### [Generating actionable insights to support point-of-care suicide risk decision-making in a safety-net healthcare system: a machine learning approach to predicting dynamic risk of intentional self-harm](#)

Machine learning-based models can be used with standard electronic medical records to identify patients presenting at the psychiatric emergency department with a high risk of intentional self-harm and suicide attempts within the next 30 days.

## Report

[Molly Rose Foundation issues public warning into prevalence of online groups targeting children for self-harm, suicide and abuse](#)

Molly Rose Foundation has issued a "public warning" about the prevalence and growth of online networks that coerce girls into sexual abuse, acts of violence, self-harm and the encouragement of suicide.

## Blog

[How one teenager's death could change the way social media law works](#)

When it comes to finding out what happened to their children, bereaved parents can find it hard to access their social media data.

## News

[Tameside woman 'took own life after benefits cut in error' - coroner](#)

A vulnerable woman took her own life after she got a letter saying her benefits were to be cut which was later found to be an error. In a prevention of future deaths report Alison Mutch, senior coroner for south Manchester, concluded the letter had a "very significant impact" on Tamara, who had a history of self-harming.

[National Suicide Prevention Network Partners Drive Early Action in Suicide Prevention](#)

Alice Hendy MBE took part in the inaugural meeting of the National Suicide Prevention Network. The event brought together charities, sector experts, those with lived experience, and national partners, reinforcing the critical role of collaboration and the importance of developing systemic, joined-up ways of working across the sector.