| **SUICIDE IDEATION DEFINITIONS AND PROMPTS** | **Since Last Visit** | |
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| **Ask questions that are bold and underlined** | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Ask Questions 1 and 2** | | |
| 1. **Wish to be Dead:**   Person endorses thoughts about a wish to be dead or not alive anymore, or wish to fall asleep and not wake up.  ***Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?*** |  |  |
| 1. **Suicidal Thoughts:**   General non-specific thoughts of wanting to end one’s life/die by suicide, “*I’ve thought about killing myself”* without general thoughts of ways to kill oneself/associated methods, intent, or plan.  ***Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?*** |  |  |
| **If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6** | | |
| **3) Suicidal Thoughts with Method (without Specific Plan or Intent to Act):**  Person endorses thoughts of suicide and has thought of a least one method during the assessment period. This is different than a specific plan with time, place or method details worked out. “*I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do it….and I would never go through with it.*”  ***Have you been thinking about how you might do this?*** |  |  |
| **4) Suicidal Intent (without Specific Plan):**  Active suicidal thoughts of killing oneself and patient reports having some intent to act on such thoughts, as opposed to “*I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them*.”  ***Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?*** |  |  |
| **5) Suicide Intent with Specific Plan:**  Thoughts of killing oneself with details of plan fully or partially worked out and person has some intent to carry it out.  ***Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself and do you intend to carry out this plan?*** |  |  |
| **6) Suicide Behavior**  ***Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?***  Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn’t swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn’t jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc. |  |  |

Low Risk

Moderate Risk

High Risk