



The Suicide Care Connection

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INTRODUCING EMPATH UNITS: Across the globe there is a growing movement to improve hospital-based emergency behavioral health care. An exciting innovation is the EmPATH model (Emergency, Psychiatric, Assessment, Treatment, and Healing). EmPATH Units are crisis stabilization units that offer patients with behavioral health conditions an alternative to the chaotic, noisy, bright emergency department environment. They feature recliner chairs, soothing lights and sounds, and integrated staff to reduce restraints, foster trust and allow immediate psychiatric evaluation. To learn more:

- [The ER doesn't have to be a scary place: Transforming Psychiatric Emergency Care](#). During this free one-hour webinar, Dr. Scott Zeller, creator of the EmPATH model, will discuss policy priorities to redesign EDs, as well as how to create standards, funding streams, and accountability measures that turn EDs into trauma-informed, recovery-oriented, and peer-inclusive components of the crisis continuum. [Register now](#).
- [CAMS Brief Intervention: 360 degrees of support](#). This free training video was designed specifically for non-clinician EmPATH Unit staff that interact with patients who are struggling with suicidality.
- [EmPATH Summit 2026](#): A national gathering dedicated to transforming psychiatric emergency care. This summit brings together hospital leaders, clinicians, policymakers, designers, and innovators committed to advancing the EmPATH model. May 12-13, Salt Lake City, UT. [Register now](#). Please stop by the CAMS-care table to learn more about how we are working with EmPATH Units to improve suicide care.

WHAT'S NEW

- [In their own words: case studies of adolescent smartphone language preceding suicide-related hospitalizations](#); *NPP – Digital Psychiatry and Neuroscience*.
- [Broadband Internet Access and Adolescent Mental Health in the U. S.](#); *The National Bureau of Economic Research*.
- [Assisted Dying, Pharmacological Lethality, and Suicide Risk Among Healthcare Workers: Ethical, Regulatory, and Mental Health Dimensions](#); *Cureus Journal of Medical Science*.
- [Debts and experienced financial scarcity: association with nonsuicidal self-injury and suicidality in adolescents at risk for psychopathology](#); *Child and Adolescent Mental Health*.
- [Suicide Risk and Protective Factors Among Medicaid-Enrolled Black Youth With a Mental Health Diagnosis](#); *JAMA Network*.
- [Association of adolescent cannabis use with poor mental health and suicidality in young adulthood: A cross-sectional study using YRBS 2023 data](#); *Electronic Journal of General Medicine*.
- [Risk and Causative Factors of Psychological Harm Among Construction Workers: A Systematic Review](#); *Workplace Health & Safety, The Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM)*.
- [Genetic risk of chronic pain conditions associated with risk of suicide death through an integrative analysis of EHR and genomics data](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [Plasma proteomic profiles linked to suicidal behaviors](#); *Nature Mental Health*.
- [Suicidal Mental Imagery in Suicide Attempters: A Cross-Sectional Study](#); *The Primary Care Companion for CNS Disorders*.
- [Mixed-methods psychosocial autopsy study of suicide in young and middle-aged individuals in the Netherlands](#); *PMJ Public Health*.

- [The global burden of suicide mortality among people on the autism spectrum: A systematic review, meta-analysis, and extension of estimates from the global Burden of Disease Study 2021](#); *Science Direct*.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- [Saving Lives through Evidence-Based Care: KVC's Guide to Implementing CAMS with Private Donations](#); Free on-demand webinar, *KVC Health Systems*.
- [Suicide Care Resources & News](#); A searchable library of articles and webinars filtered by the type of patients you treat, where you work and/or specific topics you are interested in.
- [2025 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#); *S. Department of Veterans Affairs*.
- [Research Library for Suicide Related Instruments & Items](#); *International Association for Suicide Prevention*.
- [How to Communicate and Write about Veteran Suicide](#), *S. Department of Veterans Affairs*.
- [State Infrastructure Can Strengthen Suicide Prevention in Health Systems](#); *Pew*
- [Behavioral Health: Reported Funding for COVID-19 and 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, 2020-2025](#); *S. Government Accountability Office*.
- [Age Assurance Attitudes Among Adults](#); *Common Sense Media*.

POPULAR TOPICS

- [Kids Today: Thoughts From Research, Practice, and the Classroom - Young people can be unfairly and negatively judged by older generations](#); *David Jobs, Psychology Today*.
- [Why Time is the Currency of Suicide Prevention](#); In this video Professor Zaffer Iqbal discusses suicide care in terms of time, stigma and the need to use

treatments that directly treat suicidality. He describes time as the currency of suicide prevention because the earlier someone seeks treatment, the more opportunities a clinician has to shift suicidal thinking. He notes that if time is the currency of suicide prevention, we are currently spending it too late and on the wrong interventions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [5th Annual Suicide Research Symposium](#), Virtual Meeting, April 15-17
- [American Association of Suicidology \(AAS\) Annual Conference](#): St. Louis, MO, May 17-22.
- [Long-Term Survivors of Suicide Loss Summit](#), Baltimore, MD, July 16-19.
- [International Association for Suicide Prevention](#), Vilnius, Lithuania, Aug. 26-29.
- [Upcoming CAMS Training](#)

Organizations: Set your own training dates by contacting training@cams-care.com

Training Dates for Individuals:

- - **CAMS Consultation Calls:** March: 11, 18, 19, 24, 26, 30
 - **Advanced CAMS Training: Mastering Drivers Focused Care:** April 24
 - **CAMS Role-Play Training:** March (sold out), April 20, May 7
 - **CAMS Brief Intervention Training:** April 13, July 20
 - **CAMS-Brief Intervention Consultation Calls:** March 16, April 10
 - **CAMS-4Teens Training:** April 30
 - **Pacific Rim Role-Play Training:** June 8

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems](#); SAMHSA. Applications due: **April 20, 2026**.
- [Children's Mental Health Initiative](#), SAMHSA; Applications due: **April 20, 2026**.
- [Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program](#), SAMHSA; Applications due: **April 20, 2026**.

- [Social disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), NIH; Applications due: **September 7, 2026**.
- [Social disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), NIH; Applications due: **September 7, 2026**.

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