



Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Suicide Prevention

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Title:

Prevention of Suicide in Later Life: Clinical and Public Health Perspectives

Abstract:

Older adults are at high risk for suicide and have characteristics that pose special challenges for prevention. This presentation will review the epidemiology of suicide in later life and factors that place older adults at risk. Considering both high risk and public health approaches, we will discuss the evidence for interventions designed to reduce that risk and prevent suicide deaths in this vulnerable age group.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the presentation participants will be able to:

- 1) Appreciate the scope of the problem of suicide in older adults
- 2) Understand factors that place older people at increased risk for suicide, and
- 3) Understand the evidence for effective approaches to its prevention.

Presenter Biography:

Yeates Conwell, M.D. received his medical training at the University of Cincinnati and completed his Psychiatry Residency and a Fellowship in Geriatric Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. He is now Professor and Vice Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester (UR) School of Medicine and Dentistry, where he is Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Program, Director of the UR Office for Aging Research and Health Services, and Co-Director of the UR Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide. He is past President of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Chair of its Scientific Council. In addition to teaching, clinical care, and service system development, Dr. Conwell directs an inter-disciplinary program of research in aging, mental health services, and suicide prevention.

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