

Suicide Low Risk Precautions:

- Assessment every shift or with any change in condition
- Bed in low and locked position
- Develop therapeutic relationship
- Frequent observation by staff with irregular checks a minimum of every 15 minutes
- Medications as needed to manage symptoms
- Encourage participation in cognitively based groups and activities
- Patient to remain out of room in therapeutic milieu during the day

Suicide Moderate Risk Precautions

- Patient within line of site of staff members
- Patient room close to staff
- Hospital clothing and no shoes with ties
- Visitation in common areas only
- Frequent observation by staff with irregular checks a minimum of every 15 minutes
- Mouth checks with medications
- Encourage participation in cognitive based groups and activities
- Accompany by staff when off unit- only to leave unit if medically critical
- Use of personal items with direct supervision and approval from RN
- Bed in low and locked position
- Develop therapeutic relationship
- Medications as needed to manage symptoms
- Patient to remain out of room in therapeutic milieu during the day

Suicide High Risk Precautions

- 1:1 Observation -Observer within arm's length at all times
- Patient room close to staff
- Accompany to bathroom- within view at all times
- Consider paper gown if attempting to strangle self;
- Only hospital clothing with no ties, no shoes with ties
- Frequent observation by staff with irregular checks a minimum of every 10 minutes
- May not go off the unit
- May participate in cognitive based groups/activities with RT approval
- Observed visitation
- Mouth checks with medications
- Use of personal items only with direct supervision and approval from RN
- Bed in low and locked position
- Develop therapeutic relationship
- Medications as needed to manage symptoms
- Patient to remain out of room in therapeutic milieu during the day