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***Guidelines for Suicide Risk Management in the older persons***

Introduction: The suicide rate in the population of Czech seniors is more than double compared to the national average. At the same time, there is no publication available in the Czech Republic that would deal with this issue in a comprehensive manner and with an emphasis on preventive practice.

Methods: The first draft of the Guidelines was designed based on the research of available literature. The Guidelines was discussed with representatives of organizations who are active in the field of care of the elderly, with carers of seniors and other relevant representants, including the elderly themselves. The

Guidelines was adjusted based on their comments and experience.

Results: The result is the Guidelines for Suicide Risk Management in the older persons, which, in addition to an overview of the most common factors associated with suicide in seniors, gives specific practical advice on how to deal with and work with a person who fears of suicide.