# **SHEEHAN-SUICIDALITY TRACKING SCALE (Adolescent S-STS CMCM Version)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**: PLEASE USE DATA FROM ALL SOURCES AND CONSIDER SEVERITY, FREQUENCY, TIME SPENT AND TIME FRAME IN YOUR RESPONSES. THE RESPONSE "NOT AT ALL" TO ANY QUESTION MEANS "NONE" AND MEANS THAT THE THOUGHT, EXPERIENCE OR BEHAVIOR "DID NOT OCCUR AT ALL". THROUGHOUT THE SCALE, THE WORDS **INTENT** / **INTEND** MEAN ANY INTENT GREATER THAN ZERO. SCORE THE MOST SERIOUS EVENT THAT OCCURRED FOR EACH ITEM BELOW.

In	the past (timeframe):					
1.	did you have any accident? (this includes taking too much of your medication by accident). IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 2. IF YES, GO TO QUESTION 1a:		NO 🗆		YES [	
1a	how seriously did you plan or expect to hurt yourself on purpose in any accident or put yourself in a position where you could be hurt?  IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1a IS 0 (= Not at all), SKIP TO QUESTION 2.  IF IT IS SCORED 1 OR HIGHER, GO TO QUESTION 1b:	Not at all	A little A f	air amount	Very 3	Extremely 4
1b	. did you want to die as a result of any accident?		NO $\square$		YES [	
In	the past (timeframe), how seriously did you:					
2.	think that you would be better off dead or wish you were dead or need to be dead? How many times?	Not at all	1	air amount	Very 3	4
3.	think about hurting yourself, with the possibility that you might die? Or <b>how seriously</b> did you think about killing yourself? How many times?	0	1	2	3	4
4.	hear a voice or voices telling you to kill yourself or have a dream or a nightmare about killing yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
5.	have a way or a method (how) in mind to kill yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
6.	think about what you would use to kill yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
7.	think about where you would go to kill yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
8.	think about when you could kill yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
9.	expect to <b>go through with a plan to</b> kill yourself? did you intend to act: at the time $\ \square$ at some time in the future $\ \square$	0	1	2	3	4
10	expect to die from hurting yourself? did you intend to die: at the time $\ \square$ at some time in the future $\ \square$	0	1	2	3	4
11	, feel the need to kill yourself sooner rather than later? was this: for no good reason $\Box$ for some good reason $\Box$	0	1	2	3	4
12	do things to <b>prepare</b> to kill yourself?	0	1	2	3	4
13	hurt yourself on purpose <b>without</b> trying to kill yourself?  How many times?	0	1	2	3	4
14	try to kill yourself *?	0	1	2	3	4

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;A suicide attempt is a potentially self-injurious behavior, associated with at least some intent (> 0) to die as a result of the act. Evidence that the individual intended to kill him or herself, at least to some degree, can be explicit or inferred from the behavior or circumstance.". A suicide attempt may or may not result in actual injury." (FDA 2012 definition<sup>1,2</sup>). \* Note: Items 7 & 8 on S-STS ("plan for suicide") means not going beyond ideas or talking about a plan for suicide. If actual behaviors occurred, the event should not be coded on item 7 or 8, but as "preparatory behavior" (item 12). However, both events can occur separately over the same timeframe.

# 15. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 14 IS 1 OR HIGHER ASK:

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							Level
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		0	1	2	3	4	Level
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# **PATIENT RATED PAGES**

# **Clinically Meaningful Change Measures for Suicide Outcomes Assessment**

(S-STS CMCM VERSION, PATIENT RATED DOMAINS ARE ON PAGES 4 THROUGH 10)

# **Current Factors to Consider in Making the Clinically Meaningful Change Assessment**

Some consider the factors below as risk factors for suicidality. However, they are all not necessarily so and sometimes they can be protective factors. The impact of each factor can change over time within an individual.

The factors are intended to serve as useful prompts during the evaluation and in tracking both initial and newly emerging factors during follow up. If any of the factors disturb you, please discuss it with your clinician.

Indicate the impact of the factors below on your suicidality over the past (timeframe).

	Factor	Does Not Apply	Makes Your Suicidality Better	No Impact on Suicidality	Makes Your Suicidality <i>Worse</i>
	Suicidality				
1	Any suicidal impulses, ideation and behavior from pages 1 & 2 of this rating scale		0		0
2	Amount of time spent daily with suicidal ideation and behaviors				
3	Feeling a need to make an attempt sooner rather than later		0	0	
4	Wanting to suddenly kill yourself				
5	Hearing voices telling or commanding you to kill yourself or someone else			0	
6	Feeling trapped				
7	Feeling overwhelmed				
8	Exhaustion from struggling against suicide				
9	Hopeless feeling or nothing to live for				
10	Easy access to guns or means for suicide		0	0	
11	Seriousness of past suicide attempt(s)				
12	Religious or spiritual reasons that influence your decision to kill yourself				
13	Spending time on suicide or death related internet sites				
	Family / Social				
14	Recent loss or death of someone you loved				
15	Recent anniversary of the death of someone you loved		0	0	
16	Recent conflict or break up with family, husband / wife, partner or close friends		0	0	
17	Lonely or isolated or homeless or with few or no friends				
18	Lack of close family or support from others				
19	Withdrawal from or spending less time with family, work or friends				
20	Bisexual, homosexual or transgender or uncertain sexual or gender orientation with resulting unsupportive family or friends		0	0	0
21	A family member with a history of suicidal impulses, ideation or behavior (including attempts or completed suicide)				0

	Factor	Does Not Apply	Makes your Suicidality better	No impact on Suicidality	Makes your Suicidality worse
22	Personal History Had a recent major life change or loss (e.g. loss of job, school				
	failure, financial loss, mounting financial debt)				
23	Recent trouble with the law or serious legal problems or recent time in jail			0	
24	Recent deep sense of shame or loss of reputation				
25	Survivor of sexual abuse, sexual violence or rape				
26	Survivor of violence, torture bullying or emotional abuse				
27	Saw or witnessed or caused serious violence or death to another person				
28	A war survivor or recent military service or service in a war zone		0		
29	Hurting others or being aggressive or violent or very grouchy or irritable				
30	Doing things that are risky				
	Health				
31	Depression or bipolar disorder				
32	Panic attacks or high anxiety or agitation				
33	Hearing voices others can't hear or seeing things no one else can see or believing things other people thought were strange or weird				
34	Abusing alcohol				
35	Abusing drugs				
36	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder				
37	Recent difficulties sleeping				
38	Have an "incurable disease" or severe illness or an illness you think will kill you	0			
39	In severe physical pain				
40	Recent unplanned pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease				
41	Recent infection, allergies or asthma or an autoimmune disease flare up (e.g. Crohn's Disease, Lupus or Multiple Sclerosis)			0	П
42	Head injury				
43	Unable to get treatment or medicine for a mental health problem	0	0	0	
44	Stopped a medicine that helped you or you changed the amount of medicine you were taking			0	
45	Recently started on a medicine for a mental health problem or seizures				
46	Other:				

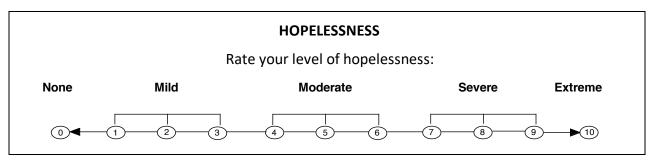
Add and score additional "other" factors as necessary.

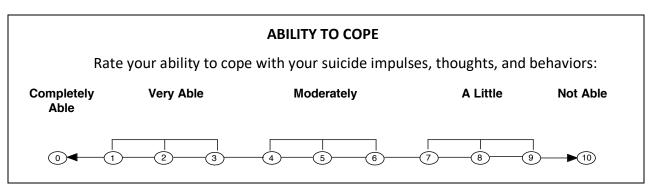
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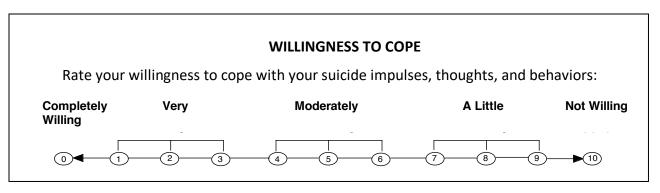
### CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL CHANGE MEASURES (PATIENT RATED)

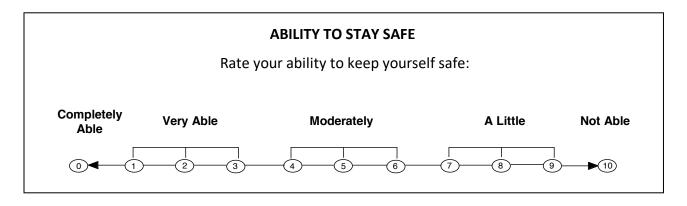
(Please mark ONE circle for each category.)

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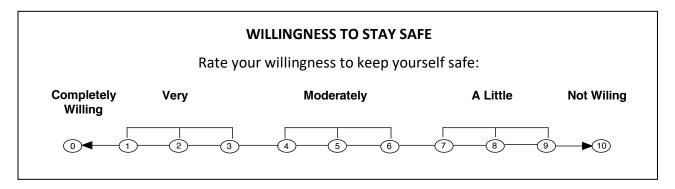


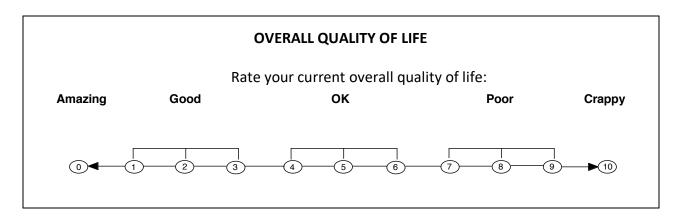


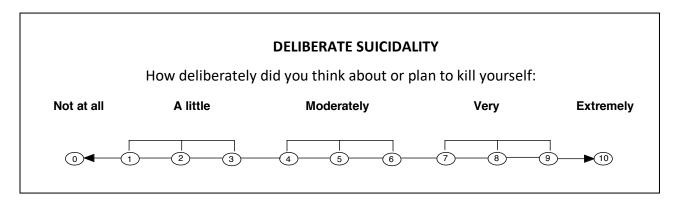


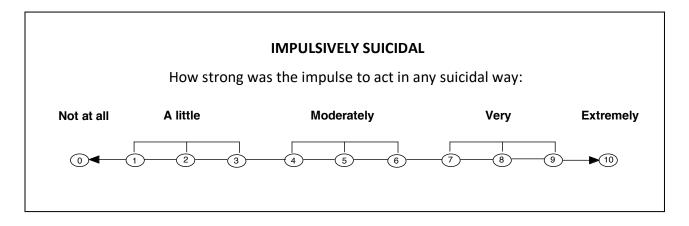


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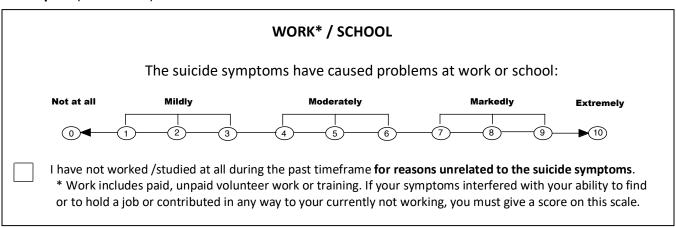


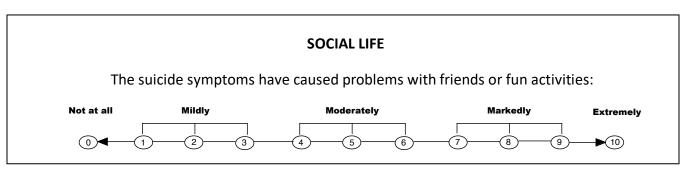
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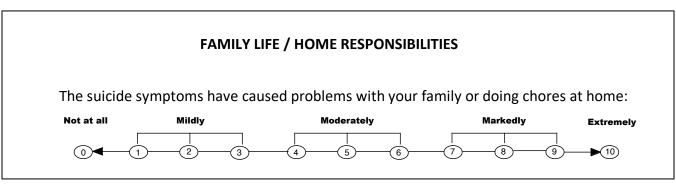
#### LIFE IMPAIRMENT FROM SUICIDALITY (PATIENT RATED)

Please mark ONE circle for each category.

#### In the past (timeframe):







#### **DAYS LOST**

How many days in the last (timeframe) did you miss from work or school or were unable to do normal things because of your suicide thoughts, impulses, and behaviors? \_\_\_\_\_

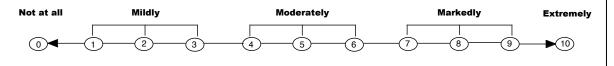
#### DAYS UNDERPRODUCTIVE

How many days in the last (timeframe) were you able to do less at work or at school or during your normal routine because of your suicide thoughts, impulses, and behaviors?

### In the past (timeframe):

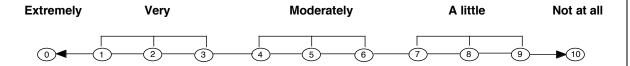


The suicide symptoms have caused problems with the quality of your life:



#### **DESIRE TO RECOVER FROM SUICIDALITY**

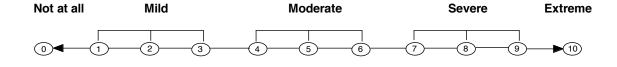
Rate your desire to recover from your suicide impulses, thoughts and behaviors:



If you can't imagine the possibility of recovery, choose "10"

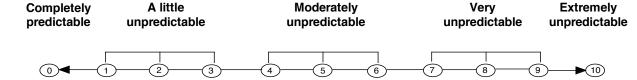
### GLOBAL SEVERITY OF SUICIDAL IMPULSES, THOUGHTS, AND BEHAVIORS

Rate the overall severity of all your suicide impulses, thoughts, and behaviors:



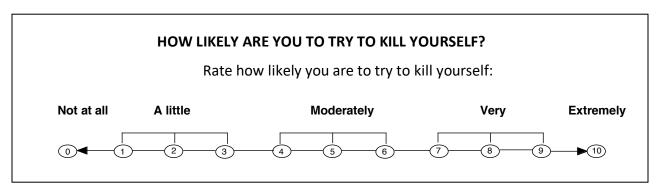
#### **HOW UNPREDICTABLE WAS YOUR SUICIDALITY?**

Considering the time when your suicidality was most unpredictable, how unpredictable was it at that time?



☐ Since starting my current medication / treatment, my suicidality became even more unpredictable than before.

# Over the next (timeframe):



Patient Rated: Circle the score that best describes your current treatment needs:

# At this time:

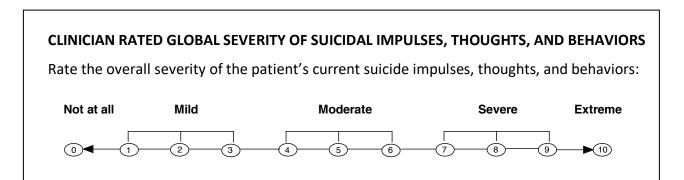
Score	Which treatment below do you think you need now for your suicidal impulses, thoughts or behaviors?
10	I need to be in the hospital for more than 24 hours, with someone watching or protecting me at all times and
	I need or I request that someone do everything they can to stop me from trying to kill myself.
	(24/7 inpatient with constant one-on-one observation, possible need or request for physical or chemical
	restraints)
9	I need to be in the hospital for more than 24 hours, with someone watching or protecting me at all times.
	(24/7 inpatient one-on-one)
8	I need to be in the hospital for more than 24 hours, with someone watching or checking on me every 15
	minutes.
	(24/7 inpatient on suicide precautions (e.g. 15 minute checks))
7	I need to be in the hospital for more than 24 hours, but without any special need for someone to regularly
	check on me because of my suicidal impulses, thoughts or behaviors.
	(24/7 inpatient, without special suicide precautions)
6	I need to be in the hospital for more than 24 hours and be allowed to leave the ward or to go on visits outside
	the hospital from time to time.
	(24/7 inpatient with privileges to leave ward on visits outside hospital)
5	I need to stay up to 24 hours in the Emergency Room and then talk to the doctor again to decide if it is safe to
	discharge me home <u>or</u> if I need to be admitted to the hospital ward <u>or</u> if I need to attend therapy for several
	hours multiple times a week.
	(Stay up to 24 hours in Emergency Room then re-evaluate whether to admit or discharge <u>or</u> partial
	hospitalization <u>or</u> intensive outpatient program)
4	I can live at home, but I need to visit with my doctor every week and to call my doctor or therapist every day
	to let them know how I'm doing (these are called "daily check-ins").
3	I only need to visit with my doctor every week while I live at home.
2	I only need to visit with my doctor once a month while I live at home.
1	I only need to visit my doctor if my suicidal thoughts or behaviors get worse.
0	I don't need to see a doctor or to get any treatment at all.

#### **CLINICIAN RATED PAGES**

# **Clinically Meaningful Change Measures for Suicide Outcomes Assessment**

(S-STS CMCM VERSION, CLINICIAN RATED DOMAINS ARE ON PAGES 11, 12, AND 13)

Based on all the information available on pages 1 and 2, and on pages 4 through 10 in the S-STS CMCM version, and using your clinical experience, rate your judgment of the patient's global severity of suicidality at this time. Give a single score based on the metric below:



### Clinically Meaningful Change Measures for Suicide Outcomes Assessment

(CLINICIAN RATED)

This Sheehan - Suicidality Tracking Scale, Clinically Meaningful Change Measures version (S-STS CMCM version) is for use in evaluating whether a treatment for suicidality has a clinically meaningful impact beyond the suicidal phenomena alone.

Suicide risk cannot be accurately predicted at an individual level. However, based on all the information available on pages 1 and 2, and on pages 4 through 10 in the S-STS CMCM version, and using your clinical experience, provide your best judgment of this patient's level of clinically meaningful suicide risk and their need for treatment of suicidality at this time, using the anchors in table 1 below. In table 1 this clinician "judgment of suicide risk" at this time should align with your "judgment of level of management needed". In addition, rate your judgment of the likelihood of this patient making a suicide attempt or of dying by suicide in the next 7 days on the discretized analog (DISCAN) metric on page 12 below. Ask any additional probe questions and request any clarifications as needed.

In making this judgment, factor in and make balanced trade-offs between the following elements in each case:

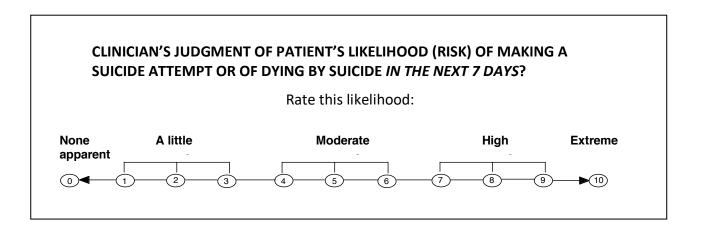
- Suicidal ideation (including suicidal impulses, and dreams, hallucinations and delusions involving suicide)
- Suicidal planning
- · Suicidal intent and patient's perception of how likely they are to attempt suicide in the future
- Suicidal behaviors (including impulsive suicidality)
- Suicide risk / protective factors
- Ability and willingness to cope with and to stay safe from suicidality
- Desire to recover from suicidality
- History of suicidality
- Quality of life
- % of suicidal ideation that is willful or deliberate
- Time spent in suicidality
- Global severity of suicidal impulses, ideation and behaviors
- Type of suicide disorder

These factors and trade-offs vary from one case to the next and over time in the same case.

Table 1

Clinician judgment of patient's risk of a suicide attempt or death by suicide at this time (give a single score based on the table below):

Score	Judgment of	Judgment on Level of Management Needed for Suicidality
	Suicide Risk	
	At This Time	
10	Imminent	24/7 inpatient with constant one-on-one observation and with possible need or patient request for physical or chemical restraints
9	Severe	24/7 inpatient one-on one hospitalization with constant one-on-one observation
8	High	24/7 inpatient hospitalization with suicide precautions (e.g. 15 minute observation checks)
7	Major	24/7 inpatient hospitalization without any special suicide precautions
6	Elevated	24/7 inpatient hospitalization with privileges to leave ward on visits outside hospital
5	Moderate	Up to 24 hours in ER, then re-evaluate whether to admit or discharge <u>or</u> partial hospitalization <u>or</u> intensive outpatient program
4	Modest	Outpatient weekly visits with daily check-ins
3	Mild	Outpatient weekly visits
2	Slight	Outpatient visits at least monthly
1	Remote	Outpatient visits as needed and if in treatment monitor for treatment emergent suicidality
0	No apparent risk	None



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Complete this section *if the patient does not return for the scheduled follow up visit* and is not available to permit completion of pages 1 and 2.

FOR CLINICIAN USE ON	LY					
17. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject died from a	completed suicide?	NO         YES           0         100			
18. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject died, but no	t enough information to code as a suicide?	0 0			
19. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject died from ca	ause(s) other than suicide?	0 0			
20. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject alive, but no	at available because of a suicide attempt?	0 4			
21. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject alive, but no	t available for known reasons other than suicide?	0 0			
22. Missed appointmen	t - reason: subject alive, but no	at available, for uncertain reasons, or "lost to follow up"?	0 0			
		(only if 1b is coded YES), + 2 through 11 + TOTAL f 16] + [the highest of 14 or any row				
☐ I have discussed th	e answers above with the pation	ent.				
Clinician Signature	2	dd/MMM/yyyy				
☐ I have discussed the answers above with my doctor or clinician.						

### References

Patient Signature

dd/MMM/yyyy

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