



## Self-Injuries and Suicidal Behavior

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Dear Colleagues,

In 2019, it was estimated that 703,000 people died by suicide worldwide, and suicide attempts in addition to self-injuries are precursors to this problem. Self-injurious behaviors are the most common among adolescents and young adults, and are estimated to begin between the ages of 12 and 14. The prevalence of self-injury is between 7.5 and 46.5% in adolescents, 39% in college students, and between 4 and 23% in adults. Despite increasing knowledge about this problem, it is important to examine the developmental trajectories, antecedents, and risk factors associated with it.

Suicidal behaviors have a higher prevalence than suicide. After the COVID-19 pandemic, suicide rates have not increased significantly, although more frequent suicidal thoughts have been observed in people infected with COVID-19. Although suicide rates may not have significantly increased, we are in an environment with barriers to providing solutions for those who experience this problem; more evidence is needed regarding epidemiology, patterns of care, and prevention.

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