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Assessment and Treatment of Depression and Suicidal Behavior Associated with Military Service: An Overview

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Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the prevalence of depression and suicide in the military population.
2. Describe the correct nomenclature for suicidal and related behaviors.
3. Identify strategies for screening and assessing military clients for depression and suicidal behaviors.
4. Review effective therapies for treating military clients with depression and those displaying suicidal behaviors.

- What are your negative thoughts about seeing suicidal clients in general?
- What are/could be the hardest parts about working with suicidal military or veteran clients?

Outline

- Military depression and suicide rates
- Etiology of depression and suicide
- Depressive Spectrum Disorders: diagnostic criteria
- Suicide risk factors, warning signs & protective factors
- Assessment of depression and suicide
- Treatment of depression and suicidal behavior

Military Health Significance of Depression and Suicide

Depression in Returning OIF/OEF Service Members

12 Month Post-Deployment	Depression Symptoms	Depression Symptoms/ Some Impairment	Depression Symptoms/ Functional Impairment
Active Component	15.7%	14.4%	8.5%
Reserve Component	15.9%	13.7%	7.3%

Thomas et al. (2010)

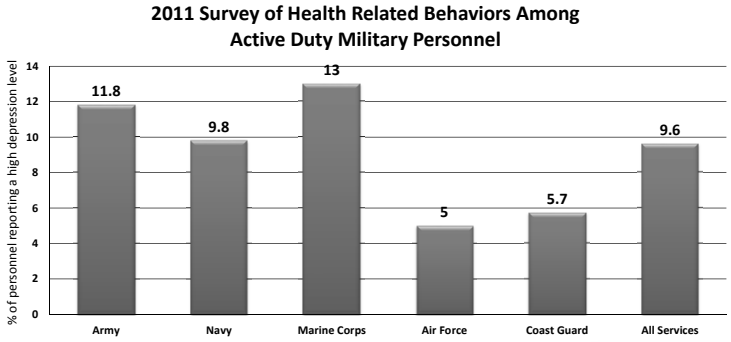
Depression and Deployment in Millennium Cohort Study

New Onset Depression

	Men	Odds Ratio	Women	Odds Ratio
Never Deployed	3.9%	1.0	7.7%	1.0
Deployed, No Combat	2.3%	**.66**	5.1%	**.65**
Deployed, Combat	5.7%	**1.32**	15.7%	**2.13**

Wells et al. (2010)

2011 DoD Survey: Level of Depression



DoD 2011 Health Related Behaviors Survey (2013)

Depression in Veterans

- 14% of veterans are diagnosed with depression
  - –Yet it is likely under-diagnosed
- 11% of veterans aged 65+ y/o are diagnosed with MDD (twice the rate of adults 65+ in the general population)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (2009); U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Suicide >

Homicide or War-Related Deaths

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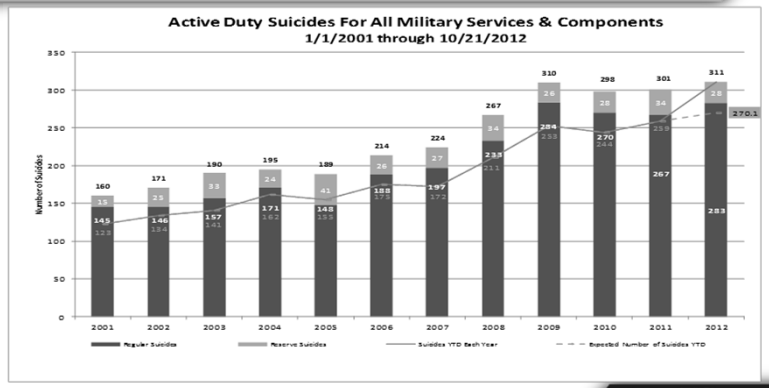
Every year…

Globally	Nationally
Almost 1 million suicides	Steady rise since 2000
16 per 100,000	12.3 per 100,000
1 every 40 seconds	1 every 13.3 minutes

World Health Organization (2013); American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Reza et al. (2001)

DoD Suicide Deaths by Component and Calendar Year



Mortality Surveillance Division, Armed Forces Medical Examiner

DoD Suicides & Suicide Rates by Service: Active Component

	All Services	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	General Population (CY 2013)
Total Count	259	48	123	45	43	41,149
Rate/ 100K	**18.7**	**14.4**	**23.0**	**23.1**	**13.4**	**13.0**

Smolenski et al. (2014); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2014)

DoD Suicides & Suicide Rates by Service: Selected Reserve

	All Reserve	Air Force Reserve	Army Reserve	Marine Corps Reserve	Navy Reserve	All National Guard	Air National Guard	Army National Guard
Total Count	87	12	60	11	4	133	14	119
Rate/ 100K	**23.4**	**--**	**30.1**	**--**	**--**	**28.9**	**--**	**33.4**

Smolenski et al. (2014)

Veteran Suicide Rates

Approx 22% of US suicides each year are veterans

On average, 22 veterans die by suicide each day

U.S. Army photo by Adam Skoczylas

Kaplan et al. (2009); Kemp & Bossarte (2013)

Veteran Suicide Rates

Male and female veterans had higher firearm suicide rates than nonveterans

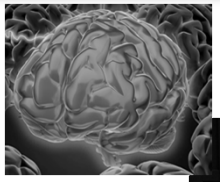
DoD photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod, U.S. Army

Kaplan et al (2009)

Etiology of Depression and Suicide

Why Do Some Service Members Develop Depression?

- Physiological
  - Genetics
  - Biological factors
  - Substance abuse
- Psychological
  - Learned helplessness/hopelessness
  - Cognitive factors/Irrational thought processes
- Environmental
  - Loss of loved one
  - Social withdrawal
  - Stress



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Warriors See the World Differently

Photo: Afterdeployment.org

Mental Health Culture vs. Military Culture

Traditional MH Culture

- Individualistic; 1-on-1 approach
- Emotional vulnerability
- Treatment is delivered individually
- Assumes deficiencies/illness
- Symptoms & risk factors

Military Culture

- Collectivist; in-group identity
- Emotional toughness
- Leaving group for help jeopardizes safety
- Assumes elitism/strength
- Warrior skills & assets

Bryan (2010)

Military Myths about Depression

I don't need help because …

- Only weak people get depression
- My depression will go away if I wait it out
- Treatment does not work

U.S. Marine photo. No photographer cited.

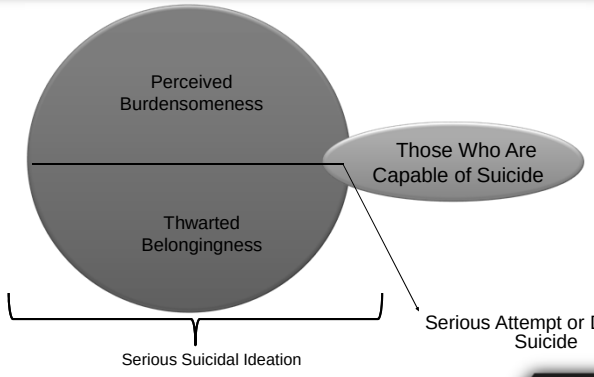
If I seek help …

- Everyone in my unit will know
- I will lose the trust of my unit
- I will lose my leadership role
- I will lose my security clearance
- My career will be hurt
- I will be administratively/medically separated

Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury

Why Do Some People (including Service Members and Veterans) Die by Suicide?

Interpersonal-Psychological Theory of Suicide Risk



Joiner (2005)

2 Most Significant Contributors to Suicidal Ideation

✓Thwarted belongingness

✓Perceived ineffectiveness/burden

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Thwarted Belongingness

Need:

1. Frequent interaction w/ others
2. Persistent feeling of being cared about

Interactions must be frequent and positive

Joiner (2005)

Perceived Ineffectiveness/Burden

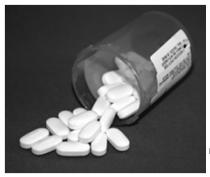
Feeling ineffective, plus the sense that loved ones are threatened or burdened by this ineffectiveness.

Joiner (2005)

Acquired Ability

Reduction of fear through repeated self-injury is necessary for serious suicidal behavior to occur (can occur in the short term or over the long term)

1. Previous suicidal behavior
2. Any experience that reduces fear of injury



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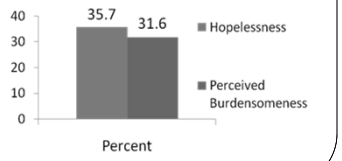
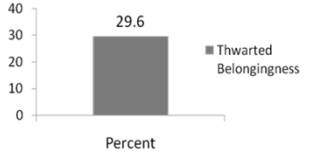
Empirical Support for IPT in Military Populations

- Suicide note communication
  - Hopelessness
  - Perceived burdensomeness



- Verbally and through suicide note
  - Thwarted belongingness



Cox et al. (2011)

Depressive Spectrum Disorders: Diagnostic Criteria

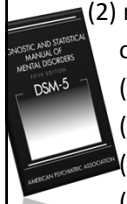
DSM-5: Spectrum of Depressive Disorders

- **Major Depressive Disorder**
- **Persistent Depressive Disorder (Dysthymia)**
- **Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder**
- **Substance/ Medication-Induced Depressive Disorder**
- **Depressive Disorder Due to Another Medical Condition**
- **Other Specified Depressive Disorder/ Unspecified Depressive Disorder**

American Psychiatric Association (2013)

DSM-5: Major Depressive Episode

5 or more of the following for a 2-week period (at least one*):



(1) depressed mood most of the day*
(2) markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities most of the day*
(3) significant weight loss/gain or decrease or increase in appetite
(4) insomnia or hypersomnia nearly every day
(5) psychomotor agitation or retardation nearly every day
(6) fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day
(7) feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt
(8) diminished ability to think or concentrate, or indecisiveness
(9) recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal ideation

American Psychiatric Association (2013)

Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood

- In DSM-5, this diagnosis falls under Trauma-and Stressor-Related Disorders not Depressive Disorders
- If an individual has symptoms meeting criteria for a major depressive disorder in response to a stressor, the diagnosis of adjustment disorder does not apply

Trauma and Depression

- Trauma reactions do not *only* include PTSD
- PTSD and depression symptoms overlap, and co-morbidity rates are high
- Some military personnel join the service with a history of depression and/or trauma
- Depression may develop that is not related to deployment or a traumatic event

Tanielian & Jayacox (2008)

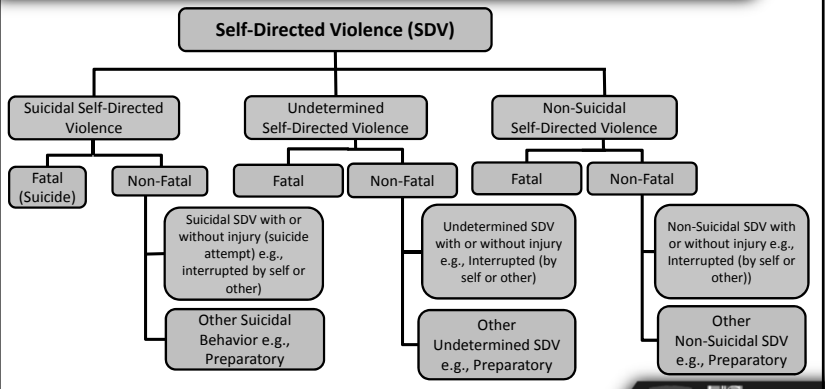
Nomenclature For Suicidal And Related Behaviors

SDV Terminology

- Self-Directed Violence (SDV) Classification System
  - Collaborative approach between the Centers for Disease Control and the VISN 19 MIRECC
  - Describes *thoughts* and *behaviors* associated with suicidality
  - Modifiers exist to address the following:
    - Intent (with, without, or undetermined)
    - Injury (with, without, or fatal)
    - Interrupted act (by self or others)

Brenner et al (2011), Crosby et al (2011)

Flowchart for Self-Directed Violence Definitions



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Self-Directed Violence Nomenclature: Thoughts

Type	Definition	Modifiers
Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence Ideation	Self-reported thoughts regarding a person's desire to engage in self-inflicted potentially injurious behavior. There is no evidence of suicidal intent.	None
Suicidal Ideation	Thoughts of engaging in suicide-related behaviors.	▪ Suicidal Intent: - Without - Undetermined - With

Brenner et al. (2011)

Self-Directed Violence Nomenclature: Behaviors

Type	Definition	Modifiers
Preparatory	Acts or preparation towards engaging in Self-Directed Violence, but before potential for injury has begun. This can include anything beyond a verbalization or thought, such as assembling a method or preparing for one's death by suicide.	• Suicidal Intent: -Without -Undetermined -With
Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. There is no evidence, whether implicit or explicit, of suicidal intent.	• Injury: -Without -With -Fatal • Interrupted by Self or Other

Brenner et al. (2011)

Self-Directed Violence Nomenclature: Behaviors

Type	Definition	Modifiers
Undetermined Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. Suicidal intent is unclear based upon the available evidence.	• Injury: -Without -With -Fatal • Interrupted by Self or Other
Suicidal Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. There is evidence, whether implicit or explicit, of suicidal intent.	• Injury: -Without -With -Fatal • Interrupted by Self or Other

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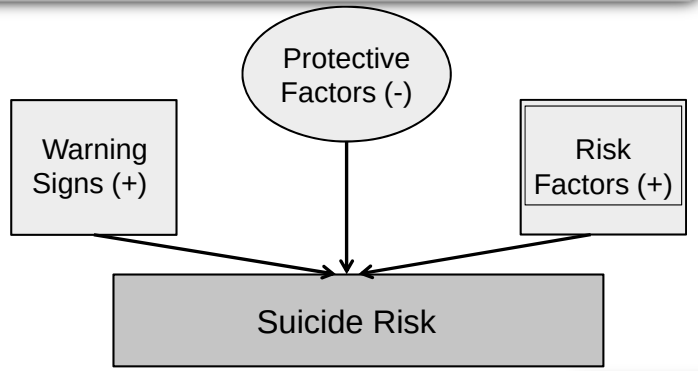
Suicide Prevention

Goal of Suicide Prevention and Treatment

Risk Factors, Warning Signs & Protective Factors

Conceptual Model of Suicide Risk



Cornette, M. (2013)

Suicide Warning Signs

- **I** – Ideation
- **S** – Substance Abuse

- **P** – Purposelessness
- **A** – Anxiety
- **T** – Trapped
- **H** – Hopelessness

- **W** – Withdrawal
- **A** – Anger
- **R**– Recklessness
- **M** – Mood Changes

DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Trey Harvey, U.S. Army released.

See handout: "How do you Remember the Warning Signs of Suicide"

Rudd et al. (2006c); American Association of Suicidology (2012)

Suicide Risk Factors

- More distal in nature than warning signs
- More static in nature than warning signs
- Some risk factors are modifiable/some are not
  - See handout: "Risk Factors for Suicide and Suicidal Behaviors"

American Association of Suicidology (2012)

Military Suicide Risk Factors

- Relationship problems
- Hopelessness/worthlessness
- Alcohol abuse/dependence
- Feelings of disgrace/isolation
- Guilt or shame
- Stressful military life events
- Easy access to firearms
- Unexplained mood change/depression
- Financial, legal or job performance problems
- Medical or administrative discharge processing
- Sleep problems
- Previous suicide attempts **

Martin et al. (2009); Jones et al. (2012); Ribeiro et al. (2012); Bryan et al. (2013)

Sleep: Active Duty

Sleep problems outperformed depression and hopelessness as predictors of suicidal ideation and behavior in young adults in the military

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Alejandro Pena.

Ribeiro et al. (2012)

Mental Health Diagnoses and Treatment History: Veterans

Top mental health diagnostic contributors to suicide risk among VA patients:

1. Bipolar disorder
2. Substance use disorders
3. Depression
4. Anxiety disorders other than PTSD

Ilgen et al. (2012)

TBIs: Active Duty

Multiple TBIs were associated with a significantly higher risk for suicide, even after controlling for symptom severity

Bryan & Clemens (2013)

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Veterans

- VA patients w/ TBI history 1.55 times more likely to die by suicide than those without
- Among psychiatric inpatients with TBI histories, 27.3% had made a total of 14 suicide attempts

U.S. Army photo. Photographer not listed.

Brenner et al. (2011); Gutierrez et al. (2008)

Chronic Pain: Veterans

* Increased risk for suicidal ideation and suicide attempts has been found in individuals with chronic pain, particularly head pain and pain classified as “other non-arthritic”

Juurlink et al. (2004); Fishbain et al. (2009); Ilgen et al. (2008)

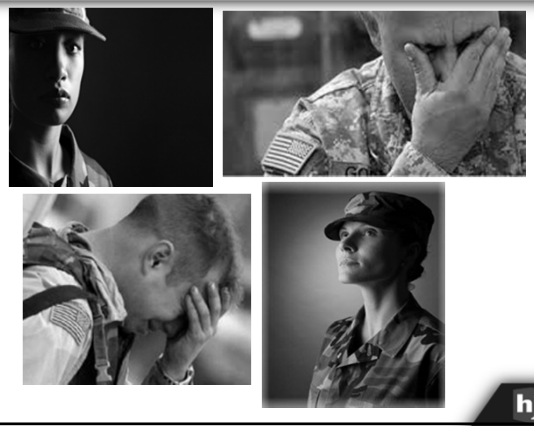
Military Suicide Protective Factors

- Social support or sense of belonging
- Leadership responsibilities
- Effective coping and problem-solving
- Unit cohesion
- Access to assistance services
- Healthy lifestyle promotion
- Spiritual support
- Policies/culture that encourage help-seeking

Martin et al. (2009); Jones et al. (2012); Bryan & Hernandez (2013)

Assessment of Depression and Suicide

What Do Depressed or Suicidal Service Members Look Like?



What Depression and Suicide Assessment Tools Do You Use?

Self-Report Screens/ Measures of Depressive Symptoms

Incorporate self-report measures:

- PHQ-2 Symptom Checklist = 2 items
- PHQ-9 Symptom Checklist = 9 items
- Center for Epidemiological Studies (CES-D) = 20 items
- Beck Depression Inventory-2 (BDI-2) = 21 items
- Zung Depression Scale = 20 items
- Hamilton Depression Rating Scale = 17 to 31 items

Management of Major Depressive Disorder Working Group (2009); Beck et al. (1996); Carroll et al. (1973); Hamilton (1980); Radloff (1977); Zung (1965)

Self-Report Measures of Suicidal Ideation/Behavior

- Beck Scale for Suicidal Ideation
  - BSS; Beck & Steer (1991)
- Suicide Intent Scale
  - SIS; Beck, Schuyler, &Herman (1974a)
- Beck Hopelessness Scale
  - BHS; Beck et al. (1974b)
- Suicidal Behavior Questionnaire-18
  - SBQ-18; Linehan (1996)
- Suicidal Behavior Questionnaire-Revised
  - SBQ-R; Osman et al. (2001)

Beck, Schuyler, & Herman (1974a); Beck, et al. (1974b); Beck & Steer (1991); Linehan (1996); Osman, et al. (2001)

Suicide Risk Assessment

- Previous suicidal behavior
- Current suicidal thoughts, intent, and behavior
- Precipitant stressors (acute and chronic)
- General psychiatric symptoms
- Impulsivity and self-control
- Risk and protective factors
- Use of medications or substances
- Hopelessness
- Warning signs
- Access to lethal means

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense (2013); Rudd (2006)

Suicide Risk Assessment (cont.)

- Gain a complete understanding of medical, social and mental health history
- Utilize empirically supported suicide risk assessment instruments in conjunction with a clinical interview
- Obtain collateral information from family, friends, unit, commander, and medical
- Use a direct/nonjudgmental/collaborative approach

***Assess risk on an ongoing basis**

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense (2013)

Fluid Vulnerability Theory

- Views suicide risk on a continuum
- Acute risk vs. chronic risk
  - Baseline risk - based on personal history, static factors
  - Acute risk - superimposed upon baseline risk
- Suicidal episodes are time limited
- Acute risk resolved when risk factors are effectively targeted

Rudd (2006b)

Assessing Risk Through Clinical Interview

Assess Baseline Risk

Assess for chronic risk

- Present or absent based on history of multiple attempts

Based on personal history and stable factors

- For example, history of abuse, history of attempts, psychiatric diagnosis

Assess Acute Risk

Reflects the current crisis and overall risk

Exists on a continuum

Time-limited periods of heightened vulnerability to suicide

Includes dynamic factors

- Nature of suicidal thinking, intent, and symptom presentation

Will fluctuate in severity as the suicidal crisis resolves

Rudd (2006a)

Assessing Risk
Continued

Acute Risk – Points to Remember

Being thorough does not take a lot of time

Use precise terminology

- Differentiate between non-suicidal thoughts of death, non-suicidal SDV, and suicidal ideation:
  - Non suicidal thoughts of death
  - Non-suicidal SDV
  - Suicidal ideation

"You said that you have had suicidal thoughts. Would you tell me specifically what you've been thinking when you think of suicide?"

Rudd (2006a)

Multiple Attempters: Risk Assessment

- Increased vulnerability
- Lower threshold of activation of suicidality
- Always deemed to be at *chronic risk*
- Overall risk level: Always at least *"moderate"* acute/overall risk

Rudd (2006a); Rudd et al. (1996)

Acute Suicide Risk Continuum

Mild	**Suicidal ideation of limited frequency, intensity, duration, and specificity. Morbid ideations may be present. There are no identifiable plans; no associated intent; mild dysphoria and related symptoms; good self-control; few other risk factors; and the presence of identifiable protective factors, including social support.**
Moderate	**Frequent suicidal ideation with limited intensity and duration, some specificity in terms of plans; no intent; good self-control; limited dysphoria and other symptoms; some risk and protective factors, including social support.**
High	**Frequent, intense, and enduring suicidal ideation; specific plans; some objective markers of intent (e.g., lethal and available method choices, some preparatory behavior); subjective intent may or may not be present; some impairment in self-control; severe dysphoria and/or other symptoms; multiple risk factors present and few protective factors, particularly social support.**

Rudd (per discussion with CDP; 2013)

Treatments for Depression

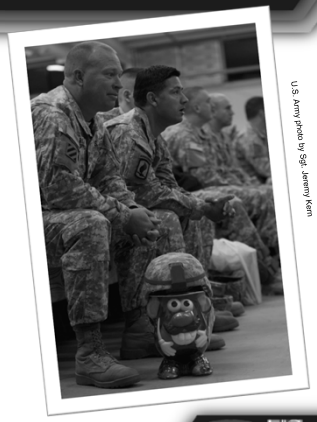
MDD Psychotherapies

<u>Efficacious and Specific</u>

- Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT)
- Behavior Therapy
- Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT)

<u>Possibly Efficacious</u>

- Brief Dynamic Therapy
- Emotion-Focused Therapy



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Hollon & Ponniah (2010). VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline - Management of MDD (2009)

CBT for Depression: Data from a Meta-Analysis

- Studied in over 75 clinical trials since 1977
- Superior in comparison to waiting list or placebo controls
- No difference in comparison to Behavior Therapy
- Modestly superior in comparison to other therapies
- Significantly better than anti-depressant medication
- Associated with a “preventative” effect

Butler et al. (2006); Gloaguen et al. (1998); Wampold, et al. (2002)

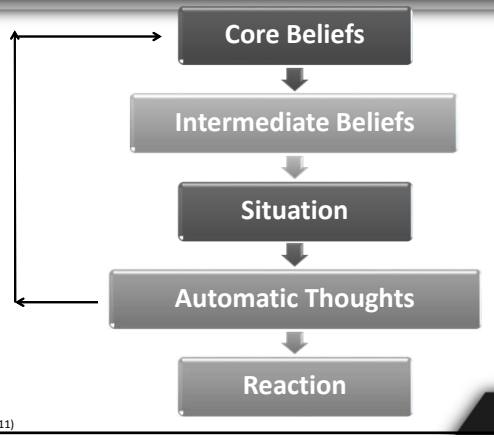
Cognitive Model: Example

Situation
A member of the National Guard finds out that he did not get an expected military promotion.

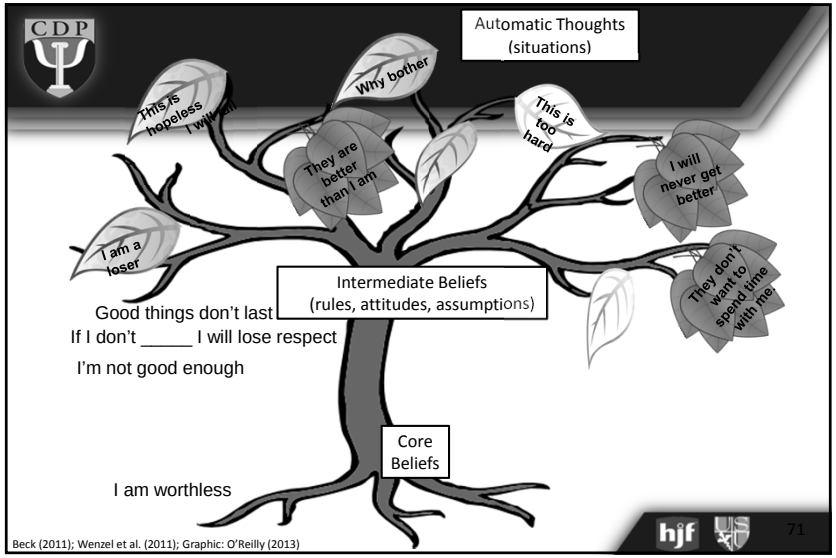
Automatic Thoughts & Images
I'll never amount to anything.

Reaction
Emotional: Depressed mood
Physiological: Feels weighed down
Behavioral: Decreased concentration at work

Expanded Cognitive Model



Beck (2011); Wenzel et al. (2011)



Beck (2011); Wenzel et al. (2011); Graphic: O'Reilly (2013)

Common Cognitive Distortions of Military Personnel

"The Army doesn't care about me"

"I can't trust anyone"

"I should have saved his life"

"Civilians don't care about my sacrifice"

"What I did was unforgiveable"

"If I was driving, my CO would have lived"

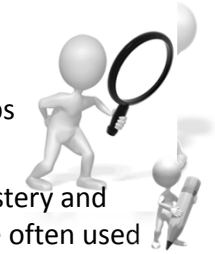
"We shouldn't be fighting over there"

"I'm a coward"

Cognitive Therapy

Treatment Approach

- Identify, evaluate, and modify underlying assumptions/ dysfunctional beliefs
- Learn adaptive coping skills
- Break down large problems in smaller steps
- Decision-making via cost-benefit analysis
- Activity scheduling, self-monitoring of mastery and pleasure, and graded task assignments are often used early in therapy



Beck et al (1979); Butler & Beck (1995)

Behavioral Experiments

Behavioral experiments can modify a patient's negative beliefs more powerfully than verbal techniques.

- Designed collaboratively
- Occur during therapy & between sessions
- Goal = an experience that disconfirms the validity of a cognition

Beck (2011)

General Session Structure

- Mood check
- Bridge from previous session
- Agenda setting
- Review of homework
- Discussion of agenda items
- Periodic summaries
- Homework assignment
- Final summary & feedback

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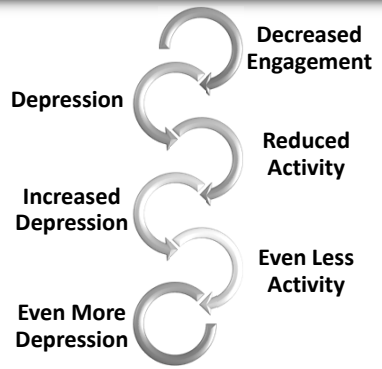
Wenzel et al. (2011); Photo: Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University

Behavioral Theory of Depression

- Behavioral patterns associated with depression:
  - Low rate of response-contingent positive reinforcement
  - High rate of punishment
- Central tenet: Depressed individuals do not get enough positive reinforcement from their interactions with the environment to maintain adaptive behavior

Lewinsohn et al. (1980); Wenzel et al. (2011)

Behavioral Theory of Depression: A Vicious Cycle



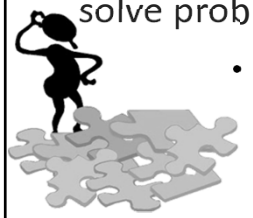
Adapted from Lewinsohn et al. (1986)

Behavior Therapy: Behavioral Activation

- Increase pleasurable and mastery activities
- Increase social activities
- Training in social skills, assertiveness, and problem-solving
- Relaxation training and visual imagery
- Behavioral rehearsal and role playing
- Military considerations
  - Exercise may have at one time been pleasurable, but now may be seen as a mastery activity due to mandatory PT/fitness tests
  - May have decreased activity level due to avoidance related to PTSD

Behavior Therapy: Problem-Solving Therapy

- Therapist and client collaboratively identify and prioritize problems, break problems down into manageable tasks, solve problems, and identify coping skills
  - Discrete, time-limited, structured intervention



Nezu, Nezu, & Perri (1989)

Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT)

- **Goal:** To change behavior by fostering adaptation to current interpersonal roles and situations
  - Roots in psychodynamic therapy
  - But also draws upon
    - Attachment Theory
    - Increased focus on interpersonal relationship
  - More structured than dynamic therapy, but less structured than CBT or BT

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Klerman et al (1984)

Treatments for Suicidal Ideation and Behavior

VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines

- Suicide-focused psychotherapy to address suicide risk
  - Clinical Practice Guideline Recommendations:
    - Cognitive Therapy is recommended for non-psychotic patients who survived a recent attempt
    - Problem-solving therapy is recommended for nonpsychotic patients with more than one attempt
- Early evidence-based interventions to target specific symptoms
- Follow-up and monitoring

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense (2013)

Empirically Supported Treatments/ Interventions

- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

  Linehan (1993)
- Means Restriction (Public Health Approach)
  - Hawton (2002), Beuatrais (2007), Wiedenmann & Weyerer (1993),
  - Mott et al (2002), Ohberg et al (1995), Law et al (2009)
- Cognitive Therapy for Suicide
  - Brown et al (2005)

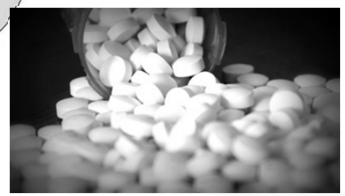
Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

- Goals of DBT according to Linehan:
  - Increase client's behavioral capabilities
  - Improve motivation for skillful behavior through contingency management and reduction of interfering emotions and cognitions
  - Assure generalization of gains to client's environment
  - Structure the treatment environment to reinforce functional rather than dysfunctional behaviors
  - Enhance therapist capabilities and motivation to treat clients effectively

Linehan (1993)

Means Restriction

- Toxic substances
- Medications
- Firearms



Promising Means Restriction Intervention

- **Means Restriction**
  - Actual process of limiting/removing access to lethal means
- **Means Restriction Counseling**
  - Educate patients and supportive others about risk associated with easy availability of means
  - Collaboratively work with patients and support person to limit/remove access to means until the suicidal risk has lessened

Rudd & Bryan (2011); Bryan et al. (2011)

Means Restriction

Possible mechanisms of effectiveness:

1. Limiting access
2. Reducing opportunity for habituation to fear associated with means for suicide

Cognitive Therapy for Suicide

Brown et al (2005)

Results of CT Study

- Significantly fewer suicide attempts in the CT group
- Significantly lower rates of depression in the CT group at 6, 12, and 18 month follow-up
- Significantly lower hopelessness in the CT group at the 6 month point but hopelessness improved overall
- Suicidal ideation went down across the follow-up period but no significant differences between the groups

Brown et al (2005)

Session #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Early Sessions

- Informed consent
- Treatment engagement
- Assessing level of risk
- Developing a safety plan
- Instilling hope
- Developing a cognitive case conceptualization
- Treatment planning

Wenzel et al (2009)

Safety Plan vs Safety Contract?

Wenzel, et al. (2009)

Session #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Middle Sessions

- Modify negative suicide-relevant automatic thoughts & core beliefs
- Teach problem-solving skills
- Help patients develop healthy behavioral coping skills
- Affective coping strategies

Wenzel et al (2009)

Session #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Middle Sessions

- Identify reasons for living
  - Review advantages and disadvantages of living
- Construct survival kit or hope box
  - Memory aid at time of crisis
    - Photographs
    - Letters
    - Safety plan

Wenzel et al (2009)

Session #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Middle Sessions

- Build additional coping skills
  - Exercise regimen, hobbies
- Address impulsivity – "procrastinate" suicide
  - Delay tactics
- Increase adaptive sse of social support
- Improve compliance w/ adjunctive medical & psychiatric services

Wenzel et al (2009)

Session #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Later Sessions

- Relapse prevention task
  - Two guided imagery exercises involving past suicidal crisis
  - One guided imagery exercise involving future suicidal crisis
- Debriefing and follow-up
- Additional treatment planning
  - Continuation of treatment
  - Appropriate referrals
  - Termination

Wenzel et al (2009)

Promising Treatments/ Interventions

- Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality
  - Jobes (2006)
- SAFE Vet
  - Knox et al (2012)
- Means Restriction Counseling
  - Bryan et al (2011)

Means Restriction Counseling

1. Describe the rationale for means restriction
2. Conduct means restriction counseling
3. Implement the result of Step 2

Rudd & Bryan(2011)

CDP Website: Deploymentpsych.org

Features include:

- Descriptions and schedules of upcoming training events
- Blog updated daily with a range of relevant content
- Articles by subject matter experts related to deployment psychology, including PTSD, mTBI, depression, and insomnia
- Other resources and information for behavioral health providers
- Links to CDP's Facebook page and Twitter feed

Online Learning

The following online courses are located on the CDP website at:
http://www.deploymentpsych.org/content/online-courses
NOTE: All of these courses can be take for free or for CE Credits for a fee

- Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD in Veterans and Military Personnel (1.25 CE Credits)
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD in Veterans and Military Personnel (1.25 CE Credits)
- Epidemiology of PTSD in Veterans: Working with Service Members and Veterans with PTSD (1.5 CE Credits)
- Provider Resiliency and Self-Care: An Ethical Issue (1 CE Credit)
- Military Cultural Competence (1.25 CE Credits)
- The Impact of Deployment and Combat Stress on Families and Children, Part 1 (2.25 CE Credits)
- The Impact of Deployment and Combat Stress on Families and Children, Part 2 (1.75 CE Credits)
- The Fundamentals of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) (1.5 CE Credits)
- Identification, Prevention, & Treatment of Suicidal Behavior in Service Members & Veterans (2.25 CE Credits)
- Depression in Service Members and Veterans (1.25 CE Credits)

All of these courses and several others are contained in the Serving Our Veterans Behavioral Health Certificate program, which also includes 20+ hours of Continuing Education Credits for $350.

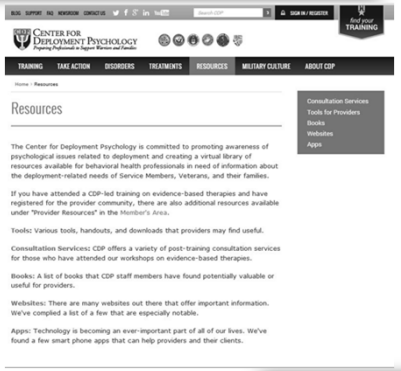
Provider Support

CDP's "Provider Portal" is exclusively for individuals trained by the CDP in evidence-based psychotherapies (e.g., CPT, PE, and CBT-I)

Features include:

- Consultation message boards
- Hosted consultation calls
- Printable fact sheets, manuals, handouts, and other materials
- FAQs and one-on-one interaction with answers from SMEs
- Videos, webinars, and other multimedia training aids

Participants in CDP's evidence-based training will automatically receive an email instructing them how to activate their user name and access the "Provider Portal" section at Deploymentpsych.org.



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