Assessment of Suicidal Ideation and Behavior: Report of the International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology Consensus Meeting

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The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry [1] has published a report [2] of the International Society for Central Nervous System Clinical Trials and Methodology (ISCTM [3]) consensus meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to develop consensus recommendations for assessment of suicidal ideation/suicidal behavior (SI/SB) in clinical trials. Meeting participants found that a major barrier to advancement of the field of SI/SB research and the development of new treatments remains the lack of a universally accepted, standardized nomenclature and classification system. They concluded that achieving alignment on definitions and classification of suicide-related phenomena is critical to improving the detection and assessment of SI/SB, the design of clinical trials for new treatments, and effective public health interventions.

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