



## Suicide Prevention: A Public Health Imperative

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Suicide is defined as death caused by harming oneself with the intent to die. According to the World Health Organization, nearly 800,000 people complete suicide every year. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in 15 to 19 years old. Whereas suicide contributes a substantial socioeconomic burden, it is also significantly associated with psychological trauma and physical distress among bereaved people. Given the harmful influences of suicide at the population and individual level, every effort is needed to identify and decrease the possible risk factors and increase protective factors for suicide at the national and state level.

In this Special Issue, we look forward to compiling and presenting various aspects of national suicide prevention strategies as well as novel methodological approaches with publicly available data.





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