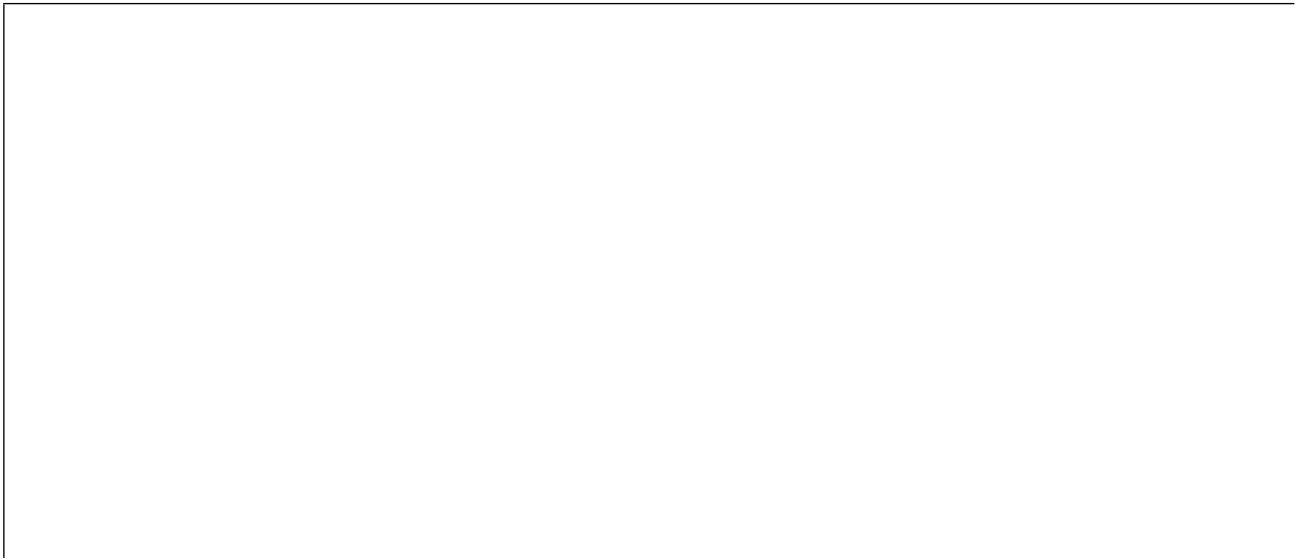


# Incidence and Method of Suicide in Hospitals in the United States

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This cross-sectional study

**Table 1. Coding Variables Used to Identify Hospital Inpatient Suicide Events**

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)  
Restricted Access Database (RAD)

Sentinel Event (SE) Database

**Health Care–Associated Suicides:** The NVDRS file was restricted to suicides only. Only those suicides associated with the variable **InjuryLocationPlace** coded as 23 (health-related facility) were selected for the research data file.

**Health Care–Associated**



**Table 4. Suicides Reported as Sentinel Events (SEs) from 2010 to 2016\* for All States<sup>†</sup> and for National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)–Reporting States<sup>‡</sup>**

	All Suicide Deaths Reported to SE Database	All Hospital-Associated Suicides <sup>§</sup>	Hospital Inpatients <sup>  </sup>			Suicides Occurring Within an Emergency Department <sup>#</sup>
			Hospital	Psychiatric	Total	
All States <sup>†</sup>						
2010	65	59	5	21	26	2
2011	125	107	7	34	41	4
2012	83	69	6	13	19	1
2013	90					

**Table 5. Suicide Method During Hospital Inpatient Treatment for Cases Reported to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)\* and the Joint Commission Sentinel Event (SE) Database**

NVDRS*	SE
2014–2015	

hospital has important implications for the allocation of resources to address suicide prevention within healthcare and the broader population. The Joint Commission established suicide prevention as a National Patient Safety goal in 2007 and has released the released

Joint Commission plans to enhance its