Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults: What Pediatricians Should Know

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among US youth and young adults, ages 15-24

Teen Suicide Rates Differ by Gender

17.9
5.4
*deaths per 100,000 youth ages 15-19, 2017

Young Men
Young Women


Common Risk Factors

- Mental Health Conditions (eg, depression, substance use)
- Stressful Events (eg, bullying, trauma)
- Personal History (eg, previous attempts, ideation)
- Family History (eg, suicide, abuse, neglect)
- Access to Lethal Means (eg, firearms, drugs)


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