



# How to Conduct Trials that Enroll Suicidal Patients

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# Most trials have systematically excluded patients at risk of suicide. Why?

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- Regulatory challenges
- Research is too risky for those at elevated risk of suicide
- Discomfort working directly with high-risk patients

# Key Challenges Conducting Trials

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- Choosing the proper comparator
- Balancing ethical principles with scientific aims
- Timely management of risk when collecting self-report information