

## COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE

*Screen with Triage Points*

	Past month	
Ask questions that are in bold and underlined.	YES	NO
<b>Ask Questions 1 and 2</b>		
<b>1) <u>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</u></b>	A	
<b>2) <u>Have you had any actual thoughts of killing yourself?</u></b>	A	
<b>If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.</b>		
<b>3) <u>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</u></b> e.g. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do it....and I would never go through with it."	B	
<b>4) <u>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</u></b> as opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."	C	
<b>5) <u>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?</u></b>	C	
<b>6) <u>Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</u></b> Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.  <b>If YES, ask: <u>Was this within the past 3 months?</u></b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	
	<b>Past 3 Months</b>	
	C	B

### Response Protocol to C-SSRS Screening

**NOTE: Always consider child's safety needs in the room when a safety concerns have been identified. Do not leave the child alone in the room, if you need to talk to the parent or make a phone call someone else should sit with the child.**

**A: SAFE TO GO HOME - SAFETY PLAN, MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL**

**B: POSSIBLY SAFE TO GO HOME - SAFETY PLAN, MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL, CONSIDER IF FURTHER ASSESSMENT IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY**

**C: IMMEDIATE EVALUATION - EVALUATION NEEDED BY CRISIS TEAM IMMEDIATELY**