

## SUICIDE

*Includes Suicide Only; Does Not Include Suicidal Ideation or Suicide Attempt*

### Background

The AFSHB is *not* the official source of DoD suicide numbers.

This case definition was developed by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch (AFHSB) for the purpose of epidemiological surveillance of suicide in military-associated populations.

### Clinical Description

Suicide is “self-inflicted death with evidence (either explicit or implicit) of intent to die.”<sup>1</sup>

#### Case Definition and Incidence Rules

For surveillance purposes, a case of suicide is defined as:

- An individual whose manner of death is categorized as ‘Suicide’ in the Casualty Table provided to the AFHSB by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFME). (See *Comments* section).

#### Incidence rules:

- None

#### Exclusions:

- None

### Codes

The following ICD9 codes are included in the case definition:

Condition	ICD-9-CM codes	CPT Codes
Suicide	NA	NA

<sup>1</sup> OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 09-032



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**Development and Revisions**

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This case definition was determined by a consensus to adopt AFME's case definition at the AFHSC's Surveillance Methods and Standards (SMS) meeting in March 2010.

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**Reports**

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None

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**Review**

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May 2019	Case definition reviewed and updated by the AFHSB Surveillance Methods and Standards (SMS) working group.
Mar 2010	Case definition reviewed and adopted by the AFHSC Surveillance Methods and Standards (SMS) working group.

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**Comments**

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- The AFME provides data on suicides in the form of a casualty table, which categorizes DoD active duty casualties by manner of death. Categories for manner of death include: accident, combat, homicide, natural, suicide, terrorist activity, pending and undetermined.
- The DoD Suicide Event Report (DoDSER) is the official source for DoD suicide events. The DoDSER is a surveillance program that standardizes suicide event reporting across the Services

