**Coding Suicidal Ideation/Thoughts**

**Type of Suicidal Behaviour:** Suicidal Thoughts, Ideation

**Define Suicidal Ideation**

Beck's Suicidal Ideation scale:

“Suicide ideation is represented by the presence of current plans and wishes to commit suicide in individuals who have not made any recent overt suicide attempts, and its severity has been proposed by Beck et al. (1972) as an indicator of suicidal risk.”

**Suicidal thoughts/ideation**

We will code any mention of suicidal ideation as

* Having Ever been experience (code this as **positive**) or
* Having Never had suicidal ideation (code as **negative**) or
* Having Passed the stage of Ideation or Irrelevant (code as **unknown**)

**Negative** and **Unknown** to be merged as Negative

**Terms used to build app:**

Suicide Ideation

**Coding Rules**

Code text as **Positive** iftext indicates

* Suicidal **ideation or thoughts**
* Presence of **current plans**
* **Passive suicidal ideation** (Simon et al, 2014, Current Psychiatry for justification)
* **No wish to live** /Wishes to commit suicide / to be dead
* **Feeling suicidal** (Olfson et al, 1996 for justification)
* **Strong desire** to attempt suicide
* **Continuous, chronic** or almost continuous thoughts
* Well **planned thoughts exists** / has ideas and plans of how to do act
* Evidence of complete / half-complete **suicide note exists** (see Beck’s Suicidal ideation scale, 1979)

Code text as **Negative** if

* **no evidence** of suicidal ideation or suicidality
* **denies suicidal ideation**, plan or desires or suicidality
* **fleeting thoughts** (see Beck’s Suicidal ideation scale, 1979 and Columbia Suicide Severity Scale – the section on ideation, 2003 for justification)

Code text as **Unknown (i.e. irrelevant)** if text indicates

* the record is **irrelevant**
* context is **incomprehensible** or **contradictory** or **complex** to decide
* suicide **attempt**
* a **third person** (other than clinical staff) thinks the patient is suicidal
* no ***further* evidence** of suicidal thoughts
* there is a **generic high/low risk** of patient committing suicide
* **self-harm behaviour**