



# Supporting Providers Who Serve Veterans

The Suicide Risk Management Consultation Program (SRM) provides free consultation, support, education, and resources that promote therapeutic best practices for providers working with Veterans at risk of suicide.

## What is the Need?

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the suicide rate is 1.5x greater for Veterans than non-Veterans. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to advancing suicide prevention outreach, education, and treatment efforts to reduce Veteran suicides. Ensuring all providers have access to therapeutic risk management best practices and consultation support is critical to improving Veteran suicide prevention inside and outside VA.

## How Does SRM Help Community and VA Providers?

SRM experts offer tailored support to providers anchored in up-to-date research, best practices, and clinical experience. Providers are better able to serve Veterans when they have access to the right resources and feel supported and confident in their treatment decisions.

Whether you are a community or VA provider, **you can request and schedule free consultation** on issues such as:

- » Risk assessment
- » Conceptualization of suicide risk
- » Strategies for how to engage Veterans at high risk
- » Lethal means safety counseling
- » Best practices for documentation
- » Provider support after a suicide loss

SRM also offers **suicide prevention trainings and resources** for community and VA providers designed to meet their needs, including:

- » Clinical guidance documents and structured instruments to aid in suicide risk assessment and management
- » Documentation strategies and examples
- » Trainings for both clinicians and non-clinicians
- » Suicide postvention resources

Request a Consult or Learn More:

[www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/consult](http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/consult)

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Providers view SRM as a trusted resource to share with peers.



“ [The SRM consult] validated that many of the choices I’d made were appropriate and helped me plan for good clinical decision making going forward.”

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