KSKidsMAP
Kansas Together for Pediatric Mental Health Care Access
Pediatric Mental Health Toolkit
Topic: Depression
Part 1: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis
Screening Tools

Remember: Screening tools identify need for follow up; a diagnosis and treatment plan requires further assessment

Annual depression screening in primary care is recommended for patients age 12 and up
PHQ-9

• 9 items rated on 0-4 scale reflecting symptoms frequency
• Can be used to track symptom change over time
• Modified for teens
  • Adds irritability
  • Changes work to schoolwork
  • Adds suicidal ideation items
• Multiple languages available
Columbia Depression Scale

• 22 yes/no questions
  • Item 22 not scored

• Includes suicidal ideation & attempts

• Parent and Teen versions available
Assessment

- Symptom severity and duration
- Safety
  - Asking about suicide does not increase suicide risk
  - Ask Suicide-Screening Questions (ASQ) toolkit
- Comorbid conditions
- Past episodes
- Interview adolescents alone
DSM-5

- Depressed/irritable mood
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities
- Appetite/weight increase or decrease
- Sleep increase or decrease
- Psychomotor activity increase or decrease
- Fatigue
- Worthlessness/guilt
- Decreased concentration
- Morbid or suicidal ideation
Prevalence, prognosis

- 1-2% of preadolescents, 3-8% of adolescents
- Increased risk for depression in adulthood
Differential Diagnosis

• Grief - consider culture and impairment
• Normal moodiness
• Premenstrual dysphoric disorder
• Adjustment Disorder
• Substance Use
• ADHD
• Learning Disabilities
• Anxiety
• Bipolar
• Trauma
• Eating Disorders
• Chronic medical conditions, end of life
• Depression due to another medical condition (e.g., anemia, mononucleosis, thyroid disorders, etc.)
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