



# LAUNCH OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRIALS DATABASE

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The Department of Veterans Affairs' Clinical Science Research and Development (CSR&D) is pleased to announce the launch of the Suicide Prevention Trials Database (SPTD).

Led by Co-Principal Investigators Dr. Lauren Denneson and Dr. Maya O'Neil, the mission of the SPTD is to establish a publicly available and up-to-date database of study-level data from published trials of suicide prevention approaches. The database will be used by patients, providers, researchers, and policymakers to better understand the available evidence on suicide prevention, and to inform future practice, policy, and research decisions.

Similar to other clinical trial databases such as the [PTSD-Repository](#), the SPTD will utilize systematic review methods to search for, identify, and compile data from relevant studies. Researchers will abstract detailed data elements related to participant, intervention, comparator, outcome, and other study characteristics, and conduct risk of bias assessments. The search will be updated quarterly to maintain an up-to-date database. In early stages of the project, data will be made available in Excel spreadsheets. In later stages, a website may be developed allowing stakeholders to query the database to address specific questions. The Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Suicide Prevention Research Impact Network will serve as operational partners on the project.

The team will host a cyber-seminar in late 2021 to provide an overview of the SPTD's project scope and methods. Subscribe to the [HSR&D cyber-seminar email list](#) to be notified when this cyber-seminar is scheduled and check out the [SPRINT website](#) for updates on the SPTD project.

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