**Nephrology/Dialysis**

**Social Work**

**HIGH SUICIDE RISK**

**IMMEDIATE**

Emergency Department for mental health services

**High Risk**

**Medium Risk**

**Low Risk**

Additional

Screening Tools

Required Depression

Screening

Develop a Safety Plan, contact Primary Care Provider

and patient’s

social network for support

**MEDIUM SUICIDE RISK**

GAD-7

(anxiety screening)



*January 2024*

*This algorithm was adapted from the Ottawa Depression Algorithm for primary care professionals* [*https://ottawadepressionalgorithm.ca/en/start*](https://ottawadepressionalgorithm.ca/en/start)

**Important:** Social Work and Medical Provider

follow-up

Offer Mental Health Resources

Offer Mental Health Resources

* Supported Self-management (SSM)
* Discuss coping skills

Offer Mental Health Resources

* Referral for Mental Health consult with Primary Care Provider
* Document Mental Health Action Plan in patient’s Plan of Care
* Notify Interdisciplinary team of Patient Plan of Care details regarding mental health

YES

Major depressive symptoms

PHQ-9 = >15, GAD-7=>15,

WSAS = >20

Moderate depressive symptoms

PHQ-9 = 10-14, GAD-7=10-14,

WSAS = 10-20

* Supported Self-Management (SSM)
* Discuss coping skills & abilities
* Referral for mental health counseling
* Medical provider prescribed medications
* Document Mental Health Action Plan in patient’s Plan of Care
* Notify Interdisciplinary Team
* Collaborate with patient’s Primary Care Provider

**LOW SUICIDE RISK**

WSAS

Any suicidal

ideation?

Mild depressive symptoms

PHQ-9 = 5-9, GAD-7=5-9,

WSAS = <10

PHQ-2/ PHQ-9

YES

Social Work and Medical Provider

to offer resources

YES

YES

Complex presentation

NO

YES

Assess severity of suicidal ideation