

Self-harm and Suicide Attempts

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- The public health concern of self-harm and suicide-related syndrome as it relates to drug/opioid overdose is that suicides are reflective of underlying factors that are shared with overdose. The classifier identify these suicide events which will likely correlate with overdose.
- Triage notes provide needed information to help determine if a visit is possibly related to attempted deaths by suicides and suicidal thoughts. The query will need to be assessed to determine if it will need modified to reduce false positive. Other jurisdictions also use other keywords and these words should be reviewed.

- Caveats with this classifier include that this definition is broad and includes self-harm, suicide ideation and suicide attempts. These sub-categories might have different impact on populations. Self-harm might include non-suicide related behavior and could be looked at separately.
- Assess the reliability of the signal. Once that's confirmed, we want to share the data with partners such as mental health/suicide prevention agencies, local and state health departments. These agencies would be able to target the affected populations.