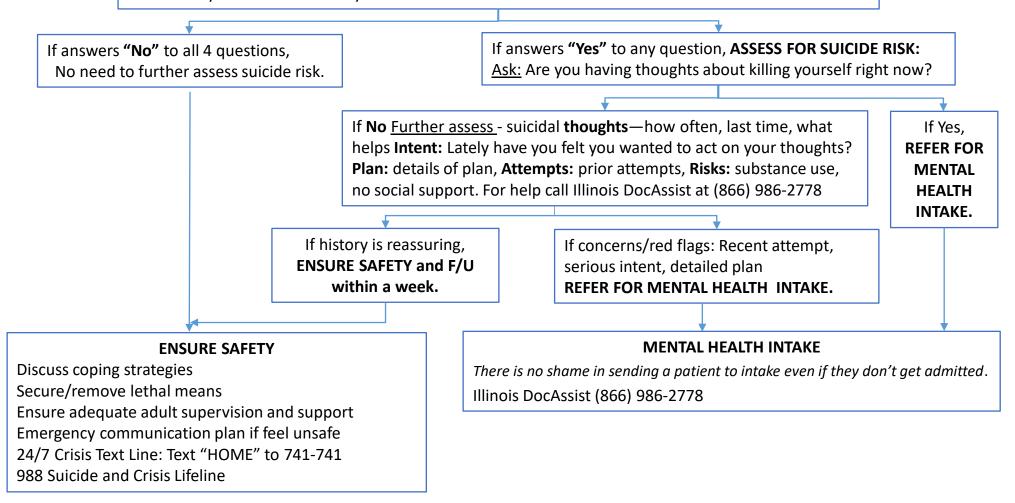
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IS SUICIDAL IDEATION PRESENT? Ask these 4 questions from ASQ:

- 1. In the past few weeks, have you wished you were dead?
- 2. In the past few weeks, have you felt that you or your family would be better off if you were dead?
- 3. In the past week, have you been having thoughts about killing yourself?
- 4. Have you ever tried to kill yourself?



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Dr. Katie Plax, Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine. Watch Dr. Plax demonstrate assessing for safety and suicide risk by accessing https://wupaarc.wustl.edu/Resources and clicking on videos "Addressing Suicidality" and "Addressing Suicidality and Referral".