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COMING SOON

Suicide Among the Aged

The highest rates for suicide in the U.S. are among the elderly.

One of the leading causes is clinical depression or other mental illness, often undiagnosed or untreated. Yet depression and thoughts of suicide do not have to be a part of aging. Don't miss this key issue that considers the "graying of America" and its implications for the mental health and wellbeing of our aging population.

The Aging issue is slated to include:

TREATMENT OPTIONS: Better access, better treatment, and the coming crisis as Baby Boomers age

STIGMA AND SHAME: The conspiracy of silence and its toll

PARITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: An update

A critical element of suicide prevention among the aged is effective depression treatment in primary care settings. Our Aging issue will focus on this and also the role that caregivers play in helping the aged—and in potentially becoming depressed and hopeless themselves because of burnout and inadequate support systems.



This provocative issue of *Advancing Suicide Prevention* will also consider:

- The December 2005 *White House Conference on Aging* and its emphasis on behavioral health and suicide prevention issues among the aged
- Societal attitudes toward suicide in the elderly
- Cultural/ethnic/diversity issues
- Economic considerations
- Policy champions
- Promising programs
- Co-occurring disorders

Call 920-457-4033 to discuss how this robust issue can support your organization's mission and initiatives.