Depression Screening – Inpatient Nurses

To ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for suicide screening (JC regulation NPSG 15.01.01) and depression screening (required for Stroke Accreditation) you may be tasked with documenting the Depression Screening on patients with a diagnosis of Stroke.

**Practice Change:** If a patient has a new diagnosis of stroke, you will receive a task to perform the Depression Screening prior to patient discharge.

If the provider entered a new admit diagnosis of stroke, you and the Social Worker will receive the *Depression Screening* task in the Scheduled Care tab.

Double click on the task to begin documentation:

**Note:** If your site has a social worker then they should be the primary staff to complete the depression screen. If social worker is not available, the nurse should be conducting the Depression Screening. Make sure to communicate with social worker to determine who will be doing this for the patient if the task comes during a time that a social worker is not available.

Complete Initial Depression screening (PHQ-2). If positive continue to complete the Total Depression Screening (PHQ-9). If positive notify provider and or social worker.

If the patient’s response to question 9 is anything but "Not at All" - you will want to make sure that this patient has had the *Columbia Suicide Severity Risk Scale* screen completed for them.
To check if the CSSRS Screen has been done, navigate to the Clinical Data section from your Menu. Here you can see if the CSSRS Screen has been completed.

If the CSSRS has been completed and the patient responses determined they were a moderate or high risk, then Social Work will receive the task to complete the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale Lifetime Recent Assessment form.

If you will be completing the CSSRS Lifetime/Recent Assessment form for the patient, refer to the CSSRS Lifetime/Recent Assessment form – Assessor job aid.

Documenting CSSRS Screen:

If a CSSRS Screen hasn’t been done on the patient, you will need to complete the CSSRS Screen by navigating to AdHoc forms and pulling the CSSRS Screen to complete.

Refer to the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS) – Inpatient Nurses job aid for on how to complete this form.