

# **“Predicting” and Preventing Suicide**

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I was reading something published by a national organization representing a mental health profession, and in a chapter dealing with client suicide a statement is made to the effect that these mental health practitioners “are not expected to predict suicide” and “are not expected to prevent suicide.” The one page of content dealt primarily with what a therapist should do upon learning that a client has committed suicide, and it basically recommended that the practitioner promptly call his or her professional liability insurance carrier.