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FOLLOW UP OF ADOLESCENT SUICIDE ATTEMPTERS

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Objectives: To follow adolescent suicide attempters attending an emergency room in southern Israel through their induction examination for military service and then for the duration of this service.

Methods: 117 attempters were evaluated after a suicide attempt, and then followed up for up to five years. Outcome was assessed by their achievements on pre-induction psychometric and psychological testing at the induction center and by the quality of their service. Repeated suicidal behavior was also assessed.

Results: In general boys had a worse prognosis than girls and suicidal behavior associated with poor educational achievements was particularly associated with a poor psychosocial outcome.

Conclusions: Adolescent suicidal behavior in general has a good prognosis but boys with educational difficulties who attempt suicide are at great risk for adjustment problems.