In this presentation Dr. Silverman will review contemporary approaches to understanding the etiology of suicidal behaviours, and identifying suicide as a public health problem.

He will discuss how existing public health interventions can be tailored to address suicidal behaviours and the challenges inherent in implementing a public health approach to suicide prevention. The seminar will look at evaluating suicide prevention strategies on a national and international level.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn about contemporary approaches to understanding suicide
- Understanding suicide from a public health perspective
- Understand the public health approach to suicide prevention

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