

Appendix 12
Analyses Used in Psychological Autopsy

(Model)
**Psychological Autopsy for Completed & Attempted Suicides
Reported in the MedWatch Case Reports for Persons on
Accutane**

1. **Information identifying the victim (case number, age, address, marital status, religious practices, occupation, and other details).**

Case Number:

Gender:

Race:

Age:

Marital Status:

Occupation:

2. **Details of the death/attempt (including the cause or method and other pertinent details).**

Date of death/attempt:

Details of death/attempt:

Method:

Autopsy findings:

Toxicology:

3. **Presence of Axis I Disorder? Yes _____ No _____**
Unknown _____

Diagnosis(es): _____

- 3a. **Presence of Axis II Disorder? Yes _____ No _____**
Unknown _____

Diagnosis(es): _____

4. **Brief outline of the victim's history (siblings, marriage, medical illness, psychiatric/medical treatment, suicide attempts).**

Parents:

Siblings:

Married:

Medical Illnesses & Treatment:

Psychiatric Illness & Treatment:

**Were psychiatric symptoms evident/reported? Yes _____ No _____
Unknown _____**

**History of Suicide Attempts? Yes _____ No _____
Unknown _____**

4a. **Family history (Mental Illness)? Yes _____ No _____
Unknown _____**

**Family history (Suicide)? Yes _____ No _____
Unknown _____**

4b. **Death history of the victim's family (cancer, other fatal illnesses, ages at death, and other details).**

5. **Description of the personality and lifestyle of the victim.**

6. **Victim's typical patterns of reaction to stress, emotional upsets, and periods of disequilibrium.**

7. **Any recent - from last few days to last twelve months - upsets, pressures, tensions, or anticipation of trouble.**

8. **Role of alcohol or drugs in (a) overall lifestyle of victim, and (b) his death.**

9. **Nature of victim's interpersonal relationships (including those with physicians).**
10. **Fantasies, dreams, thoughts, premonitions, or fears of victim relating to death, accident, or suicide.**
11. **Changes in the victim before death (of habits, hobbies, eating, sexual patterns, and other life routines).**
12. **Information relating to the "life side" of victim (upswings, successes, plans).**
13. **Assessment of intention, i.e., the role of the victim in his own demise.**
14. **Rating of lethality of method used (i.e., likelihood of method being fatal).**

Method:

15. **Reaction of informants to victim's death. Unknown _____**

- 16a. **Dermatologic Diagnosis:**

Dose of Accutane:

Duration:

On Accutane: Yes _____ No _____

Dermatologic Findings/Side Effects while on Accutane.

Off Accutane – how long before suicide/attempt?

16b. Depressive/Other Symptoms temporally related to Accutane Use?

Yes _____

No _____

16c. Did challenge/rechallenge occur?

16d. Co-medications? Yes _____

Types: _____

No _____

Unknown _____

17a. Were informants/significant others interviewed? Yes _____ No _____

Unknown _____

17b. Were medical/psychiatric records reviewed? Yes _____ No _____

Unknown _____

If yes, what type?

17c. Was case formulation developed? Yes _____ No _____

Unknown _____