

# What advice do you have when patients with catatonia are not able to be compliant with their treatment?

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I don't know the legislation in the U.S. In the U.K., there are two laws which allow treatment of patients with catatonia when they're not able to make decisions for themselves.

One is the Mental Capacity Act, and the other is the Mental Health Act. Of course, treatment needs to be in that person's best interest, and you need to have in mind what they would want if they were well. And you need to take regard for what their relatives are saying, but there are provisions to treat people if they're not able to consent, or because of their condition they're not able to say what they would want otherwise.