

What is your experience with patients with catatonia in hospice?

Dr. Gazdag:

In hospice in Hungary, there are no patients with catatonia, not because of all these correct diagnoses — they aren't always correctly diagnosed — but because of the very limited place in hospice in Hungary. In Hungary, hospice is restricted only to cancer patients. So there are no, or I haven't seen, catatonic patients in hospice. But the way we can avoid placing catatonic patients into chronic care is by improving doctors' diagnostic skills with education so they become able to correctly identify and properly treat patients with catatonia. I think it's a very sad thing when a patient is put into hospice with a treatable condition.