

## Why don't we hear more about the recovery of cognitive abilities in cases of catatonia?

**Dr. Carroll:**

The field is dealing with improving catatonic sign as measured on a rating scale or as measured in DSM-5 and DSM-5-TR. It has not focused on the functional recovery of patients with catatonia. For those treating patients with catatonia, trying to identify the cognitive and executive function issues is a focus of treatment, but not of research.

Very often we are not following patients with catatonia for one year, but I do have patients that I follow for a year or more since the development of catatonia. And what I'm looking for is the improvement in showering and daily activities, returning to work, and so forth.

Yes, this is an important area. It's clinically important. It has not been written about, but as we develop more longitudinal studies, it will be an important focus.