

What role do you think other medical diagnoses may play in catatonia?

Dr. Gazdag:

Catatonia can be associated with a number of medical conditions — CNS pathologies, inflammatory diseases, and kidney liver and lung disorders. If the underlying disorder is treatable, then it's important to set up the appropriate diagnosis in time and start appropriate treatment in line with the treatment of catatonia syndrome.

For example, in case of anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis, patients may need plasmapheresis or ovarian surgery.