

## What is your experience treating patients with catatonia?

**Dr. Beach:**

I see a lot of patients with catatonia. I would say I see probably 40 to 50 patients with catatonia a year, at least both in the emergency room and on the medical and surgical floors.

I do some teaching on catatonia, both for our residents and fellows, as well as giving talks elsewhere. I often hear about patients who are catatonic in the hospital, so even patients who are not directly under my care, I'm often brought in as an additional pair of eyes to assess or weigh in on treatment, so that also increases the number of cases that I see.

Most of the patients that I see are not on psychiatric units specifically, so actually the majority of patients that I see with catatonia have a neurological or a medical cause driving their catatonia rather than a psychiatric cause, though certainly a significant amount have a psychiatric cause, or at least psychiatric comorbidity with their catatonia.