



# Why is it important for all providers, and not just psychiatrists, to be familiar with catatonia?

**Dr. Caroff:**

Catatonia isn't restricted to psychiatric settings. In fact, nowadays, it's more commonly seen in consult-liaison medical settings, ERs, child units, and so forth.

They may not be aware of it, but professionals in non-psychiatric settings are very important in being able to recognize catatonia and get proper treatment. It's critical.