



Dr. Stanley Caroff introduction

I'm Dr. Stanley N. Caroff, I'm a psychiatrist. I've been practicing since the late 1970s. Currently, I'm a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia. I also was the director of the inpatient program at the Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, also in Philadelphia. So I had the honor and privilege of taking care of veterans with serious mental illness and addiction problems for over 30 years. I also was the director of the ECT service at the VA hospital there. And we received referrals of veterans from VA hospitals throughout Pennsylvania.

Many of the other VAs, and even the psychiatric VA hospitals in Pennsylvania, don't offer ECT, and we were the sort of tertiary care referral center for that. I also got the opportunity of helping people with catatonia and other serious disorders who needed ECT.