

## What studies would you like to see for catatonia?

**Dr. Carroll:**

I have 37 years of treating patients with catatonia. And I've used lorazepam, I've used NMDA antagonists, I've used other medicines, and of course I've referred patients for ECT. I have been involved in multiple studies of catatonia, and primarily catatonia due to a general medical condition—all presentations of catatonia.

I would like to see a double-blind placebo-controlled trial of an NMDA antagonist like amantadine, like memantine. That's part of the reason that I stay interested because I want to see somebody do that study.

Previously, I wanted someone to compare the Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale to the KANNER scale, and in fact, two groups have done that—one in Taiwan, one in Turkey, even though clinically we use them sort of side by side. I think that we want to make advances in the field, and I'm just taking a little piece of it and trying to push that little piece of the envelope forward.