

## When administering the rating scale, do you involve the family or caregivers if you need input?

**Dr. Carroll:**

For things like refusal to eat and drink, you want to ask the caregivers for things like incontinence, and also the signs that they may have been showing at home. Because not everybody will record these in the emergency room note or in the initial assessment.

So the family becomes important, and then the family will give you the course of the illness of how long it's gone on, or whether there've been previous episodes. These are not part of the rating scale themselves, but KANNER part one does allow for reports of catatonic signs to be included to help with the initial assessment.