

Do you think substance abuse plays a role in catatonia?

Dr. Carroll:

We reported on catatonia due to methamphetamine abuse. In our case series, we had five patients — four of the five had active abuse of methamphetamine associated with catatonia. The catatonia did not persist in periods of abstinence. So for patients with substance abuse to develop catatonia, obviously the goal is to try and achieve sobriety or abstinence. Five is a large number of patients for this type of study.