

## Is frustration from families a common experience currently?

**Dr. Carroll:**

The stories are born out of frustration—each one of these stories is where catatonia was suspected or was not acknowledged and the patient had to go to great lengths to get the treatment—in that case, ECT. And it's a storyline that I'm familiar with because I have many patients that have come to me after many years of trying to get effective treatment. And I'm familiar with their stories for those families and those patients. I've encouraged them to go to The Catatonia Foundation website to consider, but I understand that. And I trained at a time when my professor said things like, "We don't see catatonia anymore. Catatonia doesn't exist. Catatonia is just one set of signs and symptoms and doesn't have a unique pharmacology or response."

In some ways, I've been spending a long time trying to demonstrate to those professors that, in fact, it does.