

What studies have you done on catatonia?

Dr. Carroll:

I have done studies with the NMDA receptor antagonists. I have done studies on catatonia signs. And my area where I spend a lot of time is catatonia due to a general medical condition. So while I see patients with catatonia due to psychiatric disorders, I also see patients that have catatonia due to one of a number of general medical conditions.

Since the 1990s, I've published about 75 papers or chapters on catatonia. In my publications, we found 36 cases of catatonia due to a general medical condition. We found 28 different disorders.

The person who's done a lot of work in this area, Mark Oldham, has a way to remember this. It is a mnemonic called mindset. And so we apply the mindset to stratify the medical cause of catatonia into seven different categories.