



Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale Assessment Resources

Dr. Wortzel and Dr. Oldham have developed the following educational resources on how to assess for catatonia using the Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale (BFCRS) in collaboration with Dr. Francis.

- [BFCRS Training Manual and Coding Guide](#)

Describes how to use the BFCRS and explains each item in detail.

- [Educational modules on using the BFCRS](#)

Standardized patient videos and test questions with explanations.

- [Videos on scoring individual BFCRS items](#)

These can also be accessed from the [PDF version of the BFCRS](#)

The image shows the front cover of the manual. It features a photograph of a doctor in a white coat examining a patient. The title "Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale" is at the top, followed by "Training Manual and Coding Guide". Below the title is a contact section with the names of Dr. Oldham and Dr. Francis, their email addresses, and a "Please address questions to:" line. At the bottom, there is a "Publications based on Manual:" section listing several academic papers, and an "Additional References" section with a list of sources. The University of Rochester Medical Center crest is at the bottom right.

Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale
Training Manual and Coding Guide

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Introduction to the Bush Francis Catatonia Rating Scale BFCRS Training Mod...



Overview of Catatonia Assessment Resources

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Standardized Patient Training Videos

In the first of the four training videos below, we illustrate a full clinical assessment for the BFCRS in a standardized patient without catatonia. The subsequent three videos depict assessments of a standardized patient portraying catatonia's three common motoric subtypes. For each video, we provide a completed BFCRS form for how we score these assessments, along with key points for reference.

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Normal Exam

This video features a standardized patient without catatonia to illustrate how to assess for all items on the BFCRS.

Clinical Assessment for the BFCRS:

- [Expanded version assessment](#) 
- [Single-page assessment](#) 

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[Blank BFCRS form for scoring](#) 

Examples of Catatonia

Bush Francis Catatonia Rating Scale Hypoki...



Hypokinetic Catatonia

[Completed BFCRS form for hypokinetic catatonia video](#) 

[Review of key points - hypokinetic catatonia](#) 

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Parakinetic Catatonia

[Completed BFCRS form for parakinetic catatonia video](#) 

[Review of key points - parakinetic catatonia](#) 

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Hyperkinetic Catatonia

[Completed BFCRS form for hyperkinetic catatonia video](#) 

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Test materials

Below are videos of test patients A & B and corresponding forms A & B of a multiple-choice test, each with an answer key. You can also access the full [1-hour education course](#) as it was originally presented, with pre-, post-, and 3-month assessments.

Test Patient A | Bush Francis Catatonia Rating ...



Standardized Test Patient A

[Multiple choice test form A](#)

[Answer key to multiple choice test form A](#)

Test Patient B | Bush Francis Catatonia Rating ...



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Standardized Test Patient B

[Multiple choice test form B](#) 

[Answer key to multiple choice test form B](#) 

Additional Resources

[Catatonia Information Center](#)

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