



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](#) 

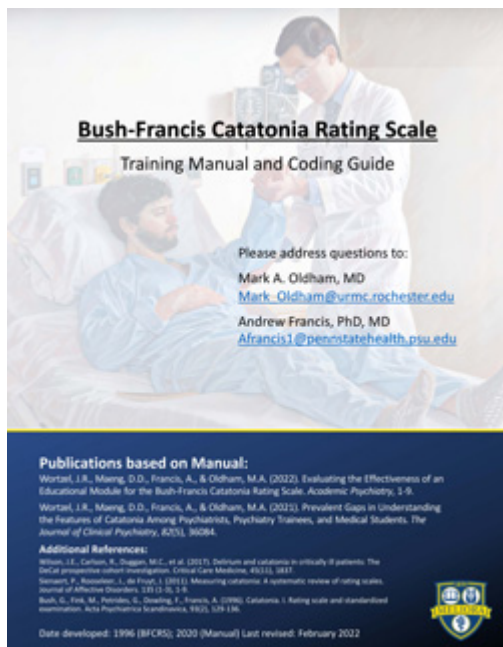
Describes how to use the BFCRS and explains each item in detail.

- [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](#) .



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Bush Francis Catatonia Rating Scale This is the sheet to be filled in by the assessor. It is not to be given to the patient.	
1. General General appearance, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)	2. Motor Motor behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)
3. Verbal Verbal behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)	4. Sensory Sensory behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)
5. Reflex Reflex behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)	6. Abnormal Abnormal behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour. 1-10 (10 = most severe)
7. Total Total score (sum of all other scores)	8. Comments Comments on the patient's behaviour, posture, facial expression, and overall behaviour.

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



Overview of Catatonia Assessment Resources

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Dr. Oldham and Dr. Wortzel provide a brief introduction to the assessment resources available on this webpage.

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.



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](#) 

[Blank BFCRS form for scoring](#) 

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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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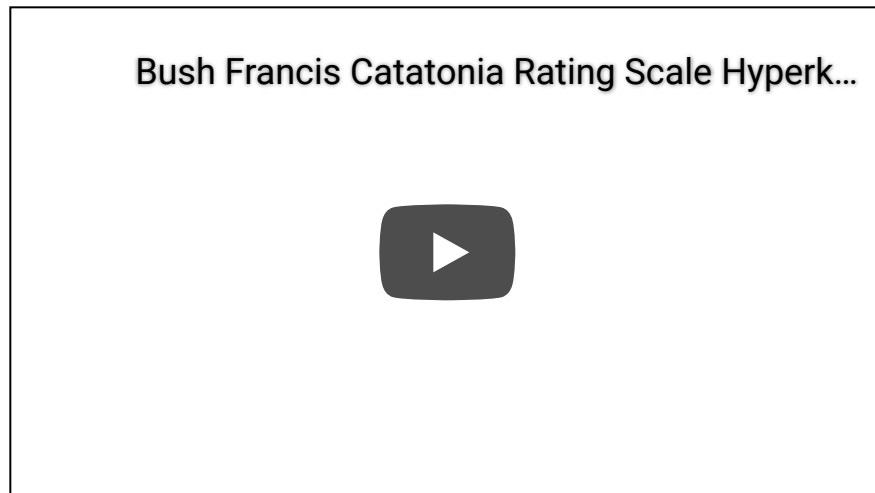


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Parakinetic Catatonia

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

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



Hyperkinetic Catatonia

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

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

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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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