

Book Review

Catatonia. *A Clinician's Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment*

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This book covers an important aspect of one of the movement disorders, namely catatonia. The book covers almost all aspects of catatonia starting with the history of catatonia forms, when it was first described until now. A very important issue covered by the book is the clinical features of catatonia, its signs and types and how to differentiate between sub-types of catatonia in a physical or psychological condition. The book then describes the differential diagnosis of catatonia and how to make sure about the diagnosis and differentiate it from other similar medical and psychological conditions. The epidemiology of

catatonia is discussed and how it can be measured to detect its severity. The most important part of this book is that it outlines treatment and management of catatonia. Though main catatonia is less common in medical practice, it needs to be understood by the Accident and Emergency, Neurology or Psychiatric physician likely to come across such cases, given that misdiagnosis can carry very serious medical complications.

The book covered this subject in an excellent way and it is important for doctors working in the fields of Neuroscience, Psychiatry and Emergency Medicine. It is a good book in its field and worth buying.

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Erratum

In manuscript "Complications of femoral venous catheterization in critically ill patients", Saudi Medical Journal 2004; Vol. 25 (2): 240-241, Figure 1 should have appeared as below:



Figure 1 - Doppler ultrasound of a large hematoma with subcutaneous in the femoral vein.