

Bush- Francis Catatonia Rating Scale

Patient : **Mr. Adams (Hyperkinetic)**

Date:

Time:

Examiner:

Modified Exam  
Able to remove one arm

1. Excitement:

Extreme hyperactivity, constant motor unrest which is apparently non-purposeful. Not to be attributed to akathisia or goal-directed agitation.

0= Absent

1= Excessive motion, intermittent.

**2= Constant motion, hyperkinetic without rest periods.**

3= Full-blown catatonic excitement, endless frenzied motor activity.

2. Immobility/ Stupor:

Extreme hypoactivity, immobile, minimally responsive to stimuli

**0= Absent**

1= Sits abnormally still, may interact briefly.

2= Virtually no interaction with external world.

3= Stuporous, non-reactive to painful stimuli.

3. Mutism:

Verbally unresponsive or minimally responsive.

**0= Absent**

1= Verbally unresponsive to majority of questions; incomprehensible whisper.

2= Speaks less than 20 words/5 minutes.

3= No speech.

4. Staring:

Fixed gaze, little or no visual scanning of environment, decreased blinking.

**0= Absent**

1= Poor eye contact, repeatedly gazes less than 20 sec between shifting of attention; decreased blinking

2= Gaze held longer than 20 sec, occasionally shifts attention.

3= Fixed gaze, non-reactive.

5. Posturing/ Catalepsy:

Spontaneous maintenance of posture(s), including mundane (e.g., sitting/standing for long periods without reacting).

**0= Absent**

1= Less than one minute.

2= Greater than one minute, less than 15 minutes.

3= Bizarre posture, or mundane maintained more than 15 min.

6. Grimacing:

Maintenance of odd facial expressions.

**0= Absent**

1= Occasional.

2= Frequent.

3= Constant.

10. Verbigeration:

Repetition of phrases or sentences (like a scratched record).

0= Absent

**1= Occasional.**

2= Frequent, difficult to interrupt.

3= Constant.

11. Rigidity:

Maintenance of a rigid position despite efforts to be moved, exclude if cog-wheeling or tremor present.

**0= Absent**

1= Mild resistance.

2= Moderate.

3= Severe, cannot be repositioned.