

Clinical Assessment for the Bush Francis Catatonia Screening Instrument

Begin the assessment by observing the patient before engaging them in conversation. If it is unclear whether the patient is asleep, attempt to awaken them before scoring items.	
/ Observe overall degree of motor activity	Excitement/Immobility
/ Observe body for stereotypies and mannerisms	Stereotypy/Mannerism ^{1/2}
/ Observe face for grimacing	Grimacing
/ Observe eyes for staring and eye contact	Staring/Withdrawal ^{1/2}
Engage the patient in conversation.	
/ Assess quantity and quality of speech	Mutism/Mannerism ^{2/2}
/ Assess speech content for repetition	Verbigeration
/ Assess speech for echoing	Echolalia ^{1/2}
During the evaluation, scratch your head in an exaggerated fashion. If the patient is standing, turn in a circle.	
/ Observe behavior for mimicry	Echopraxia ^{2/2}
/ Observe body for postures	Posturing ^{1/2}
Say, "Keep your arms relaxed as I examine them." Then, attempt to re position their arms	
/ Observe body for passively induced postures	Catalepsy ^{2/2}
Next, bend/move each arm with alternating lighter and heavier force. Exa	

/ Evaluate Clinical Assessment for the Bush Francis Catatonia Rating Scale, Remaining Full scale Items

Ask the patient to extend their arm; then say, "Do not let me lift your arm." Try to lift their arm using one finger beneath their hand, applying a gentle force. If the patient does not extend an arm, attempt to lift their arm from its resting position likewise.	
/ Evaluate response for mitgehen	Mitgehen
Extend your hand and say, "Shake my hand." After 1-2 seconds, relax and stop shaking.	
/ Observe response to instructions to shake your hand	Automatic obedience
/ Observe movement once they let go of your hand	Perseveration ^{1/2}
Say, "This time do not shake my hand" and then extend your hand.	
/ Observe behavior for indecision	Ambitendency
Rate the following based on the patient's speech and behaviors throughout the assessment:	
/ A	
/ Review response to instructions	Automatic obedience ^{2/2}
/ Review behavioral impulsivity	Impulsivity
/ Review combativeness! Review	