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Learn about borderline personality disorder (BPD) symptoms, causes, and diagnosis. Treatment involves medication and psychotherapy, such as dialectical behavior therapy (DBT). What is the treatment for borderline personality disorder? How can someone find a specialist who treats borderline personality disorder? What are borderline personality disorder complications? The measurement of negative symptom treatment response can be thwarted by confounding factors, such as extrapyramidal side effects of medications, depressive symptoms, and psychotic (positive) symptoms, all of which can mimic negative symptoms. In Chapter 2, Nopoulos and colleagues discuss strategies for disentangling primary negative symptoms from negative symptoms that are secondary to other etiologies. An illustration of these issues, critique current attempts to deal with these issues, and conclude with recommendations for the treatment of the patient with negative symptoms and for the optimal design of clinical trials. We begin with two general statements concerning theory and treatment.