

## Why did you want to get involved with The Catatonia Foundation?

**Dr. Ghaziuddin:**

With David, it felt very personal. There were many colleagues who were completely opposed to ECT. Eileen was a big advocate, and I did my job advocating for ECT, so it had a lot of, or sort of a personal meaning for me.

I've always had interest in severe illness and the suffering it causes. I almost feel sort of morally responsible. Sometimes I stick my neck out in cases like David Lopez and say, this is what it is, and we've got to do it. I think there was an ethical feeling and an ethical drive. I think that, although catatonia is not a new disorder, it's a disorder that has been rediscovered. I think there is an opportunity to make an impact. So I think those are my reasons.