

Why do you think the actual prevalence of catatonia is higher than what psychiatrists generally think?

Dr. Cuevas:

I think it is higher than I expected because I didn't know how to measure the catatonia size. My thoughts were catatonia was only that acute and severe clinical picture that you can only treat with ECT. But I have seen after studying catatonia and reading the papers of experts in catatonia that if you have a good scale, you are going to detect catatonia signs properly, even when they are subtle or they are not severe. That's why the prevalence is so high. It's much higher than what psychiatrists usually think it is.