



How did you hear about The Catatonia Foundation and why did you want to get involved?

Dr. Beach:

I got an email letting me know about The Catatonia Foundation, and I thought it was amazing. Here was this illness that I had been so interested in and have spent so much of my career thinking about and yet there is no national organization. There's no home for it. Little homes have been created, and we're fortunate in our specialty of consult-liaison psychiatry to have a ton of people who are really interested in catatonia and really excited about it.

The Catatonia Foundation provides a much-needed home for catatonia for patients and families, for physicians, for everybody who's interested in helping to treat and recognize the disease. I think it has the potential to do really incredible work in terms of education, in terms of reducing stigma, and in terms of really hoping to convince people to take this seriously, and to convince physicians and hospitals that this is an illness that we need to pay more attention to and do a better job of recognizing.