

What is catatonia?

Dr. Cuevas:

Catatonia is a very complex syndrome and very complete from the point of view that it includes symptoms from affective conditions, from medical conditions, from cognitive conditions, and it could be present along the lifespan, no matter the age. So I think it's an amazing syndrome, and the most important thing I think is that it's treatable. It could be a good prognosis if we make an early diagnosis. If not, it could be really severe, even until death.

That's the key, especially in psychiatry, where it's too difficult to see conditions that improve in such a manner. It's a really important thing to know how to treat them.