

How did you become interested in catatonia?

Dr. Cuevas:

I became interested in catatonia when I was doing my residency training. And at that time, I visited some patients with severe, clinical pictures of catatonia, of which remission was complete with electroconvulsive therapy. And it was really nice to see that we can do something to heal people and to resolve complications that are very difficult to treat. It was really amazing for me.

That's the way I became interested, and it was in a lecture some time later, some years later, that I realized that the prevalence of catatonia was much higher than what I expected. I understand that there are subclinical pictures of catatonia that are important to treat properly.