



# What do you hope The Catatonia Foundation can accomplish?

**Dr. Dhossche:**

Like we said, spread the knowledge and get people interested. Inform the clinicians that they have support when they will diagnose catatonia and will try to treat it as well as possible — that they're not isolated, that there is a group of people who supports them and will speak up for them and that they can be supported in the efforts. Because I think most psychiatrists know about catatonia, just they feel kind of like, "We're not going to do that because nobody speaks about it," or "It's supposed to be forgotten and disappeared by now." But it's not, of course.

So just the voice of an organization that says, "It's okay to diagnose catatonia and do ECT and benzos and try it as hard as you can, because it is certainly worthwhile and we will support you in that." More research and early education of medical professionals — I think it's very important. And access for families because they get lost all the time.