

Can you share why you're so passionate about spending your own time doing studies or research on catatonia?

Dr. Cuevas:

It was really an impact to know more about catatonia, and even I will say that sometimes I worry about some kinds of populations that are not receiving the proper treatment, like geriatric psychiatry. There are a lot of elderly people that are not having availability to have mental health assistance. And there is also a thing similar to catatonia in which there are a lot of people that are not being treated, that are not improving, that are even at risk of death.

I felt that I have something to do with that. I have the need to help these people, help my mates to know catatonia better. I think that there are a lot of things to do, and it could be even easier to do it, but sometimes it's difficult to make the medicine advance.

I don't know how to say — and I think that I have a role to play here. That's why I choose catatonia. And I guess that some recoveries I have seen make me more confident and more proud of my work, and that's also a thing that I like.