

## What could you say to someone about excited catatonia?

**Dr. Cuevas:**

When you do research, what you find is that excited catatonia is very frequent and mania is the first condition of having catatonic symptoms. I guess the main problem is that it's difficult to identify when you have an agitated state, or when you have impulsivity. There are symptoms that overlap with other conditions, and it could make things more difficult.

You are probably not thinking that an agitated state could be linked to a catatonic state. So that's probably the main problem. And I think that there is not so much sensitivity of the Bush-Francis Catatonia Rating Scale when you are doing this diagnosis of agitated catatonia.