

The First Patient Treated with Imipramine

Photocopy from medical history #21502 of the "Kantonal Treatment and Care Clinic in Münsterlingen" concerning female patient Paula F.J., born April 30, 1907

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For three days now, it is as if the patient had undergone a transformation. All of her restlessness and agitation has vanished. Yesterday, she herself observed that she had been in a complete muddle, that she had never acted so dumb in all her life. She did not know what had caused her behavior, but she was just glad to be better again.



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It is not entirely clear how the medication could have been responsible for such an abrupt change within a week's time, or whether this depressive phase abated spontaneously. However, the patient is also different now from how she was before the depressive phase. She is no longer so aggressive or quarrelsome. She is energetic and friendly, likes to read and work. Her sleep is also now markedly better.