



## **Dr. Marcelo Crespín R3**

### **Educational background:**

Doctor of Medicine (MD), University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)

Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc), Western University (London, ON)

**Hometown:** Toronto, ON (Age 5-onwards; Born in

San Salvador, El Salvador)

### **Research Interests:**

I have done research in assessing patient satisfaction with telepsychiatry vs. in-person psychiatry. I am interested in LGBTQ mental health issues and I could see myself collaborating with CAMH for this.

### **Hobbies/Interests:**

I enjoy travelling. I like to get out of the country and immerse myself in the culture and people and food of other places. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico is my go to place. I like to experience different cuisines, mostly Indian food and sushi. Curry original and Sakura are my favourite restaurants in Kingston. I like to hang out with my partner and my friends.

### **What would you like to tell prospective applicants to our program?**

You will be supported while you are here. From my experiences in the program whenever there are challenges academically (MCCQE Part II Exam and off service rotations), the seniors and faculty all support you. There is close monitoring and feedback during the educational sessions that help you prepare for the royal college exams and the program genuinely wants you to succeed.

### **What is your favourite sound?**

First choice is classical music. I like to play Mozart or Pachelbel when I'm studying. The frequency of the notes are very calming and help with my cognition. My second choice would be acoustic sounds of guitar; I come from a Latin American background. When I'm sitting in a restaurant with someone I like, it helps with the atmosphere.

### **You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why?**

I'd be pink. It's one of those colours that is interesting because it's traditionally associated with feminine qualities; but it doesn't have to be restricted to females. Pink inspires thinking about how we all express the "softer" parts of

ourselves, regardless of gender. Generally I'm told that I'm soft spoken and I am considerate of other people's feelings and pink is a great representation of that.

**What superpower would you most like to have?**

I'd like to be able to predict anything that would result in catastrophe.

**What is your most treasured possession?**

My experiences in post-secondary education: while at Western University (Biochemistry), the University of Alberta (Medical School) and Queen's University (Psychiatry Residency). I treasure my educational experiences because, aside from academics, I learned so much about myself and highly cherish the interactions and relationships I developed with those around me. My experiences in each of these phases of my life have shaped my identity and allowed me to grow as a human being.