

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Clinical Psychologist, C. Psych. – College of Psychologists of Ontario
Registration #4998

Certified Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapist/Consultant
Association of Canada (EMDRAC) & International Association (EMDRIA) | 2016

Certified Coach Practitioner
Certified Coaches Federation (CCF) | 2009

Reiki – Level I, II, III & Master Level | 2009

Certified Breath~Body~Mind Meditation Therapist/Teacher | 2004

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Degree (Psy.D.)
Adler School of Professional Psychology | 2007

Mindfulness Professional Training Certification Levels 1,2,3
University of Toronto, Social Work Program | 2006

Masters in Counseling Psychology Degree (M.A.)
Adler School of Professional Psychology | 1999-2001

Assaulted Women's & Children's Counselor/Advocate Program (AWCCA Diploma)
George Brown College | 1997-1999

Honours Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc.)
University of Toronto | 1993-1997
Specialty/Majors: Psychology, Sociology & Criminology, Women's Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

College of Psychologists of Ontario

Oral Examiner – Toronto, ON | April 2024 – present

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Administering oral examinations to candidates seeking licensure with the CPO.
 - Assessing candidates' performance during oral examinations based on established criteria set by the CPO

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Mental Health Advisory Board – Oakland, CA | March 2024 – present

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Keynote Speaker (March 5, 2024)
 - Round Table Speaker (March 6, 2024)
 - Panel Speaker (May 14, 2024)
 - Corporate Wellness Advisor

Start Living Corporate Wellness

Vitaodyssey Incorporation – Toronto, ON | 2018 – present

- Founder, Speaker, Executive Coach Consultant and Clinical Psychologist
- *Clients:*
 - Bell
 - Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
 - Canaccord Genuity
 - Fire and Emergency Services Training Institute
 - Toronto Fire Services
 - Greater Toronto Airports Authority
 - Toronto Regional Real Estate Board
 - Conscious Life
 - Badge of Life Canada
 - Empowerment and Learning from Friends
 - Employee Wellness
 - Ayurveda Rituals
 - The Linden School
 - Canaccord Genuity
 - ELF
 - Timeless Radiance
 - India Autism Center
 - Pure Studios
 - Club Well
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Facilitate Corporate Wellness programs for mental health awareness and treatment
 - Corporate Wellness Consultant
 - Speaking engagements for a variety of platforms/populations: Centre for Addictions and

Mental Health (CAMH), College of Naturopathy, Anokhi Vibe, Ayurvedic Rituals Spa - Food for Mood 12-week Group Therapy, Empowerment and Learning from Friends ELF Women's Group, GTAA – Toronto Pearson Safety GTAA, FESTI Fire Services, BELL Canada, Breath~Body~Mind, SS Television, News Talk Sauga 960am, E Baba Ent., Badge of Life Canada, UHN – Lunch and Learns for Nurses

- Educating people on mental health and treatment options Facilitating Lunch and Learn Talks, Seminars, Workshops, Retreats
- Crisis Intervention at workplaces
- Train the Trainer Workshops
- Q&A for small employee groups to answer mental health and wellness questions
- Psychoeducation and Awareness on ones Coverage within Benefits
- Self-care for the Self-Care Provider - Caregiver wellness (For nurses)
- Creation of an Online Platform for Self Help: Life Lessons - A Deeper Wellness for ongoing continuous help for employees and their family members

Registered Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Monica Vermani, C. Psych.

MV Psychological Services, Dr. Vermani Balanced Wellbeing Private Practice – Toronto, ON. |

Oct. 2014 - present

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Conducting Psychological Assessments: interviewing/diagnosing patients, note taking, administering, scoring & interpreting test protocols & writing assessment reports and relaying results to patients and relevant clientele.
 - Administrating Psychological, Vocational, Forensic, & Neuropsychological psychometric tests/measures.
 - Providing individual, couples, family and group psycho-educational training and psychotherapy/counselling.
 - Therapist: Providing Crisis Intervention, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), Mindfulness Meditation (Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction MBSR & Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy MBCT), Breath~Body~Mind Trauma relief and Stress Reduction to patients presenting with Trauma, Addictions/Substance Abuse, Attention (ADD/ADHD), Mood and Anxiety Disorders.
 - Training & Supervising Students/Volunteers.
 - Presenting data/research/symposiums at conferences and hospital research rounds.
 - Organizational Psychology – Facilitating Psychoeducation and Re- structuring and training seminars to Employers/Employees in Corporations/Small Businesses.
 - Professional Psychological Executive Coaching.

Peer Reviewer

College of Psychologists of Ontario – ON. | June 2019 - present

- Clinical Psychologist Dr. Monica Vermani, C. Psych.
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Co-Facilitate Peer Reviews for the College of Psychologists of Ontario

Clinical Psychologist

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (TRI) - Lyndhurst Centre Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Unit –
Toronto, ON. | Aug. 2014 – June 2019

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Crisis Intervention and Suicide/Pain/Mood & Anxiety Management with brain and spinal cord injury patients.
 - Performed psychological assessments/consultations.
 - Facilitated individual and group treatments.
 - Performed Psychoeducation Sessions, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Psychotherapy, EMDR, and Supportive Counselling.
 - Facilitated Mindfulness Meditation (MBSR, MBCT, and Breath~Body~Mind) Individual and Group Therapy.
 - Provided supervision and workplace team education and management.
 - Facilitated patient case planning meetings.
 - Wrote case notes and provide case management and treatment recommendations of inpatient/outpatient patient populations and their families.

Clinical Psychologist

Correctional Services of Canada (PS-03) | Nov. 2012 – Jan. 2015

- Fenbrook Institution & Beaver Creek Institution, Part-Time
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Crisis Intervention and Suicide Management.
 - Perform psychological/forensic psychometric testing.
 - Facilitate treatment groups.
 - Perform individual psychotherapy with a forensic population.
 - Attend supervision- patient case planning meetings.
 - Write case notes, offender treatment assessment reports.

Breath~Body~Mind Group Therapy Teaching Assistant

Military Workshops at Fort Drum. | Oct. 2012 - present

- Worked alongside with Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Pat Gerbarg.
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Assisting in teaching the Breath~Body~Mind Course for the Military population.

Breath~Body~Mind Group Therapy Teaching Assistant

Serving Those That Serve Us (STWS) - New York City & Watertown, NY | Sept. 2002 – present

- Worked alongside Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Pat Gerbarg
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Assisting/Co-Facilitating Breath~Body~Mind Course for 9'11 Responders in NYC and War Veterans populations.

Clinical Psychologist

Stress, Trauma, Anxiety, Rehabilitation and Treatment (START) Clinic for Mood and Anxiety Disorders – Toronto, ON. | April 2008 – Oct. 2014

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Administering the Structural Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID-IV) to patients referred to the tertiary care center presenting with mood, anxiety, substance abuse, psychotic and somatoform disorders.
 - Performing Psychological Assessments: interviewing patients, note taking, administering, scoring & interpreting test protocols & writing assessment reports and relaying results to patients and relevant clientele.
 - Administering Psychological, Vocational, Forensic & Neuropsychological psychometric tests/measures.
 - Providing individual and group psycho-educational training.
 - Counselling Individuals and Couple/Family Units.
 - Therapist: Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to patients presenting with Panic Disorder (with or without Agoraphobia), Social Phobia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Specific Phobia.
 - Training & Supervising Students/Volunteers.
 - Presenting clinical cases to clinic staff for supervision and discussion.
 - Supervising Research Coordinators on clinical research trials.
 - Undertaking the initiation of the study.
 - Preparing protocols and ethics submission.
 - Financial management of clinical trials.
 - Designing advertisements.
 - Recruiting, screening & determining eligibility of subjects.
 - Addressing adverse events.
 - Completion of the clinical assessment packages.
 - Analyzing research data (using SPSS), interpreting results, and preparing manuscripts for publication.
 - Conducting literature searches & selecting research review articles.
 - Conducting research and writing clinical reports/papers for journal submissions.
 - Presenting data/research at conferences, symposia and research rounds.

Adjunct Professor

Lakehead University - Faculty of Department of Psychology – Thunder Bay, ON. | Jan. 2009 – Sept. 2013

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Co Facilitating Psychology Courses.
 - Supervising Students.

Adjunct Professor

Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning School of Social & Community Services –
Toronto, ON. | Nov. 2008 – June 2009

- Faculty of Community and Justice Services Program
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Teaching Counselling Courses.

Therapist & Research Coordinator

Stress, Trauma, Anxiety, Rehabilitation and Treatment (START) Clinic for Mood and Anxiety Disorders – Toronto, ON. | Oct. 2003 – Apr. 2008

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Administering the Structural Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID-IV) to patients referred to the tertiary care center presenting with mood, anxiety, substance abuse, psychotic and somatoform disorders.
 - Administering the Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale (Y-BOCS) to thoroughly assess patients with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.
 - Therapist: Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to patients presenting with Panic Disorder (with or without Agoraphobia), Social Phobia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Specific Phobia.
 - Presenting clinical cases to clinic staff for supervision and discussion.
 - Coordinating clinical research trials.
 - Analyzing research data (using SPSS), interpreting results, and preparing manuscripts for publication.
 - Conducting literature searches & selecting research articles for review.
 - Conducting research and writing clinical reports/papers for journal submissions.
 - Presenting data/research at conferences, symposia and research rounds.

Research Coordinator/Psychometrist

Center for Addiction & Mental Health CAMH METFORS – Toronto, ON. | Jul. 2000 – June 2005

- Queen Street Site, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry – Mood and Anxiety Disorders Clinic
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Administering the Structural Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID-IV) to patients referred to the tertiary care center presenting with mood, anxiety, substance abuse, psychotic and somatoform disorders.
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- Conducting research and writing clinical reports/papers for journal submissions.
- Presenting data/research at conferences, symposia and research rounds.

Psychometrist

Dr. Giorgio E. Ilacqua, Clinical Psychologist – Toronto, ON. | Dec. 1997 – July 2002

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Performing psychological assessments: note taking, administering & scoring test protocols & writing draft reports.
 - Administering Psychological, Vocational, Forensic, & Neuropsychological psychometric tests/measures (see appendix for comprehensive list).
 - Provided supervised individual and group psycho-educational groups.
 - Supervised Individual and Couple/Family Counselling.
 - Driving Desensitization Therapy sessions.
 - Providing assessment & treatment to Hindi & Punjabi speaking clients.

Treatment Group Facilitator

Vanier Centre for Women – Milton, ON. | Dec. 1997 – Sept. 1998

- Psychology Department Ministry of Correctional Services CSC
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Facilitated the Anti-Fraud and Substance Abuse treatment groups to the adult residents.
 - Evaluated and provided certificates to residents at the completion of course.
 - Wrote reference letters & brief reports to the parole board commenting on the resident's motivation and performance.
 - Handled complex, emotional situations in a confident, empathetic manner.
 - Provided crisis intervention and counseling to residents.
 - Administered & scored psychological, vocational, forensic and neuropsychological psychometric tests.
 - Effectively worked with a diverse cultural spectrum of individuals. Built trusting relationships, supporting residents.

INTERNSHIP & PRACTICE

Psychology Doctoral Internship Student (1200 Hours)

Stress, Trauma, Anxiety, Rehabilitation and Treatment (START) Clinic for Mood and Anxiety Disorders – Toronto, ON. | Sept. 2005 – Oct. 2007

- Supervisors: Dr. Henny Westra & Dr. Martin Katzman
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Administering the Structural Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID-IV) to patients

referred to the tertiary care center presenting with mood, anxiety, substance abuse, psychotic and somatoform disorders.

- Administering the Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale (Y-BOCS) to thoroughly assess patients with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.
- Therapist: Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to patients presenting with Panic Disorder (with or without Agoraphobia), Social Phobia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Specific Phobia.
- Presenting clinical cases to clinic staff for supervision and discussion.
- Coordinating clinical research trials.
- Undertaking the initiation of the study.
- Preparing protocols and ethics submission.
- Financial management of clinical trials.
- Designing advertisements.
- Recruiting, screening & determining eligibility of subjects.
- Completion of the clinical assessment packages.
- Supervise medication dispensation.
- Analyzing research data (using SPSS), interpreting results, and preparing manuscripts for publication.
- Conducting literature searches & selecting research articles for review.
- Conducting research and writing clinical reports/papers for journal submissions.
- Presenting data/research at conferences, symposia and research rounds.

Psychology Doctoral Internship Student (1200 Hours)

Correctional Services of Canada CSC | July 2004 – May 2005

- Supervisors: Dr. Jeff Abracen & Dr. Robin Wilson
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Performed psychological testing to resistant & difficult criminal offenders.
 - Administered and scored various computerized psychological tests to a forensic psychiatric inpatient/outpatient population.
 - Co-facilitate two Sex Offender Treatment Groups.
 - Perform Individual Psychotherapy with a forensic population.
 - Attended supervision - patient case planning meetings.
 - Write Case Notes, Sex Offender Treatment Assessment Reports, and Group Progress Reports.
 - Performed research assistant duties.
 - Researched and analyzed various articles for court purposes (included within a literature review for a research study).

Psychology Doctoral Practicum Student (1200 Hours)

Lakeridge Mental Health Centre – Oshawa, ON. | Sept. 2003 – June 2004

- Adult Outpatient Services & Child, Youth & Family Services
- Supervisors: Dr. Deborah Azoulay & Dr. Lorne Sugar
- *Responsibilities:*

- Performed psychological testing with Adults and Children Outpatients.
- Administered and scored various psychological tests.
- Performed Individual Counselling with adult patients with anxiety disorders.
- Facilitated Child Anxiety Disorder Group Treatment Programs.
- Performed individual and family counseling.
- Attended supervision - patient case planning meetings.
- Facilitated an educational session teaching the basics of Anxiety Disorders.

Research Assistant/Psychology Extern (600 Hours)

Metropolitan Toronto Forensic Services METFORS – Queen Street Site, Toronto, ON. | Sept. 1998 – Aug. 1999

- CAMH Center for Addictions and Mental Health
- Supervisors: Dr. David Nussbaum & Dr. Piercy Wright
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Dealt with and performed psychological testing to resistant & difficult criminal offenders.
 - Administered and scored various computerized psychological tests to a forensic psychiatric inpatient population.
 - Attended supervision - patient case planning meetings.
 - Designed SPSS database - Input METFORS patient information and test results into the SPSS database system.
 - Performed research assistant duties for Dr. David Nussbaum (Senior Psychologist).
 - Researched and analyzed over 80 articles for court purposes (included within a literature review for a research study).
 - Attended various seminars on assessment techniques (ex. Fitness to stand trial questionnaire, personality assessment inventory etc.).

Student Placement (600 Hours)

Vanier Centre for Women – Milton, ON | Oct. 1997 – Sept. 1998

- Psychology Department Ministry of Correctional Services CSC
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Lead Anger Management, Anti-Fraud, Effective Problem Solving, and Substance Abuse Control treatment classes to adult residents and young offenders.
 - Conducted one-to-one counseling.
 - Administered psychometric tests under supervision.
 - Wrote letters and draft assessment reports to the parole board.
 - Devised “Stress Management” and “Survivors of Abuse” treatment programs for the adult residents and young offenders.
 - Trained students and volunteers in the delivery of psychological treatment services to difficult residents.
 - Gained employment on a part time contract to teach the Anti-Fraud and Substance Abuse Control treatment classes.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE - VOLUNTEER

Health Care Provider/Crisis & Rehabilitation Worker

Team/Equipe Canada Healing Hands www.tchh.org – Haiti | 2012-2018

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Providing health/crisis/rehabilitation care to people in need.
 - Worked in a children's Orphanage, Disabled school for children and patient outreach clinics.

M.E.T.R.A.C. Board Member

Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women & Children www.metrac.org – Toronto, ON. | 2005–2015

- *Responsibilities:*
 - The Board of Directors participates in making key decisions for METRAC and takes a lead role in setting the organization's direction.
 - Active in a variety of METRAC committees, working groups, and community events.

Crisis Intervention Volunteer

Distress Centre Peel (United Way) – Mississauga, ON. | 1993-1999

- Completed 460 Hours
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Telephone be-friending & providing adequate care from identifying individual needs.
 - Provided referrals for professional assistance.
 - Involved in crisis intervention and suicide intervention.
 - Attended informative workshops and ongoing training seminars.
 - Trained & supervised new volunteers.
 - Participated in workshops for public education within the community.
 - Raised over \$600 through various social activities and programs.

7 Steps Group Therapy Facilitator

Ontario Seventh Step Society – Milton, ON. | Oct. 1997 – Jun. 1998

- Vanier Centre for Women
- *Responsibilities:*
 - Lead a self-help, peer support program to assist people in conflict with the law become honest with themselves and enable them to successfully re-integrate back into the community.
 - Provided referrals and information.
 - Prepared informative sessions concerning topics of interest to the residents (topics included: financial aid, low-income housing, racism, discrimination etc.).
 - Helped others understand themselves by coming to terms with and facing their negative criminal behaviour.
 - Successfully provided encouragement to residents by focusing on their strengths and positive qualities.

Support Worker

Interim Place Women's Shelter – Toronto, ON. | Sept. 1995 – Apr. 1998

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Organized social & recreational activities for the women and children.
 - Facilitated workshops on physical and emotional self-care.
 - Displayed compassion, support & encouragement to victims of abuse.
 - Assisted assaulted women with integrating themselves into the community as independent persons.
 - Provided information and referrals to women seeking further assistance.
 - Involved in the Violence Against Women campaign.

Peer Support Counselor

University of Toronto Women's Centre – Toronto, ON | Sept. 1996 – Aug. 1997

- *Responsibilities:*
 - Performed peer counseling and provided referrals when required.
 - Coordinated community projects.
 - Prepared and presented educational workshops on issues affecting students.
 - Provided support for students feeling isolated as they dealt with personal issues including family conflict, abuse, pregnancy, aids, disability, racism, homophobia, and other forms of discrimination.
 - Organized training workshops on effective phone-line counseling for staff.

PUBLISHED BOOKS

- Vermani, Monica. *The PCMAD (Primary Care Mood and Anxiety Diagnoser)*. LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, May 29, 2011.
- Vermani, Monica. *A Deeper Wellness, Conquering Stress, Mood, Anxiety, & Traumas – How to heal your past, deal with your present and take control of your future – Self Help Life Lessons*. Smith Publicity Inc. March 22, 2022.

PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Carter J, Gerbarg PL, Brown RP, Ware RS, D'Ambrosio C, Anand L, Dirlea M, Vermani M, Katzman MA. Multi-component Yoga Breath Program for Vietnam veteran Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: randomized controlled trial. *J Trauma Stress Disorder Treat* 2013; 2(3): 1-10.
- Khamba B, Aucoin M, Lytle M, Vermani M, Maldonado A, Iorio C, Cameron C, Tsirgielis D, D'Ambrosio C, Anand L, Katzman M. Efficacy of acupuncture treatment of sexual dysfunction secondary to antidepressants. *J Altern Complement Med*. 2013 Jun 21.

- Katzman MA, Vermani M, Gerbarg PL, Brown RP, Iorio C, Davis M, Cameron C, Tsirgielis D. A multicomponent yoga-based, breath intervention program as adjunctive treatment in patients suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) with or without comorbidities. *International Journal of Yoga* 2012; 5(1): 57-65.
- Khamba BK, Katzman MA, Aucoin M, Tsirgielis D, Copeland A, Vermani M, Cameron C, Szpindel I, Laidlaw B, Epstein I. Effectiveness of Vitamin D in the treatment of mood disorders: A literature review. *JOM* 2011; 26:125-133
- Marcus M, Westra HA, Katzman MA, Vermani M. Patient Predictors of Detection of Depression and Anxiety Disorders in Primary Care. *Journal of Participatory Medicine* 2011; 3(15).
- Szpindel I, McIntyre I, Copeland A, Tsirgielis D, Epstein I, Vermani M, Cameron C, Khamba B, Gorsky K, Katzman MA. Usage Trends of ADHD medication by bipolar patients with attentional deficits 3rd International Congress of ADHD. *ADHD Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorders Journal*. June 2011; 3 (2), p. 156.
- Kennedy CE, Moore PJ, Peterson R, Katzman MA, Vermani M, Charmak WD. What Makes People Anxious about Pain? How Personality and Perception Combine to Determine Pain Anxiety in Clinical and Non-Clinical Populations. *Anxiety, Stress & Coping: An International Journal* 2011; 24(2) 179 – 200.
- Vermani M, Marcus M, Katzman MA. Rates of Detection of the Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Primary Care. *Primary Care Companion for CNS Disorders* 2011;13:e1-e10.
- Moore PJ, Chung E, Peterson RA, Katzman MA, Vermani M. Information integration and emotion: How do anxiety sensitivity and expectancy combine to determine social anxiety? *Emotion and Cognition* 2009; 23(1): 42-68.
- Katzman MA, Vermani M, Jacobs L, Marcus M, Kong B, Lessard S, Galarraga W, Struzik L, & Gendron A. Quetiapine as an adjunctive pharmacotherapy for the treatment of non-remitting generalized anxiety disorder: A flexible-dose, open-label pilot trial. *Journal of Anxiety Disorders* 2008; 22:1480-1486.
- Vermani M, Westermeyer J, Stone M, Katzman MA, Marcus M. The PCMAD (Primary Care Mood & Anxiety Diagnoser): Noteworthy Briefs From the Field. *PCMAD: A Self-Report Scale for Improved Detection of Mood and Anxiety Disorders*. May 2008 15:5, 26-27.
- Katzman MA, Vermani M, Jacobs L, Marcus M, Kong B, Lessard S, Galarraga W, Struzik L. Quetiapine as an adjunctive pharmacotherapy for the treatment of non-remitting generalized anxiety disorder: a flexible-dose, open-label pilot trial. *Journal of Anxiety Disorders* 2008; 22:1480-6.

- Rosenthal J, Kong BY, Jacobs L, Vermani M, Katzman MA. Did a switch to a generic antidepressant cause relapse? *Journal of Family Practice* Feb 2008; 57:2.
- Katzman MA, Jacobs L, Marcus M, Vermani M, Logan AC. Weight gain and psychiatric treatment: Is there a role for green tea and conjugated linoleic acid? *Lipids in Health and Disease* 2007; 6:14
- Katzman MA, Vermani M, Jacobs L, Marcus M, Kong B, Lessard S, Galaraga W, Struzik L, Gendron A. A flexible dose, open-label trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of quetiapine (Seroquel (R)) as adjunctive pharmacotherapy for the treatment of generalized anxiety disorder. *Accepted for publication in Depression and Anxiety Conference Abstract.*
- Wilson RJ, Cortoni F, Vermani M (2007). *Circles of Support & Accountability: A national replication of outcome findings*. [Research Report R-185] Ottawa, ON: Correctional Service of Canada.
- Katzman MA, Struzik L, Vivian LL, Vermani M, McBride J. Pharmacotherapy of post-traumatic stress disorder: a family practitioner's guide to management of the disease. *Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics* 2005; 5(1):129-139.
- Chung E, Moore PJ, Peterson RA, Katzman MA, Vermani M. Psychosocial determinants of pain anxiety in laboratory and field settings: The integration of disposition and expectancy. *Journal of Basic and Applied Social Psychology* 2005, 27:317-327.
- Vermani M, Milosevic I, Smith F, Katzman MA. Herbs for mental illness: effectiveness and interaction with conventional medicines. *Journal of Family Practice* Sep 2005;54(9):789-800.
- Struzik L, Vermani M, Duffin J, McBride JJ, Katzman MA. Anxiety Sensitivity as a Predictor of Panic Attacks. *Psychiatry Research* 2004;129(3): 273-278.
- Struzik L, Vermani M, Coonerty-Femiano, Katzman MA. A Review of Treatments for Generalized Anxiety Disorder. *Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics* 2004; 4(2):285-294.
- Katzman M. Cornacchi S. Coonerty-Femiano A. Hughes B. Vermani M. Struzik L. Ross BM. Methyl nicotinate-induced vasodilation in generalized social phobia. *Neuropsychopharmacology* 2003; 28:1846-51.
- Struzik L, Duffin J, Vermani M, Katzman MA. Effects of Tryptophan Depletion on Central and Peripheral Chemoreflexes in Man. *Journal of Respiratory Physiology & Neurobiology* 2002; 133(3); 183-195.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

- *The Risky Business of Regular Cannabis and Alcohol Use.* (Spring 2025) [Psychology Today](#).
- *The Myths and Realities of Closure.* (Spring 2025) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Understanding Fawning as A Trauma Response.* (Winter 2025) [Psychology Today](#).
- *The Power of Self Love.* (Fall 2025) [Dr. Monica Vermani Podcast](#).
- *Rebuilding Trust.* (Winter 2025) [Psychology Today](#).
- *The High Price of Nice.* (Winter 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *The Do's and Don'ts of Defending Healthy Boundaries.* (Winter 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Beyond Sad.* (Fall 2024) [Dr. Monica Vermani Podcast](#).
- *Elevate Your EQ: Understanding and Strengthening Emotional Intelligence.* (Fall 2024) [HR.com](#).
- *The Pitfalls of Power and Control.* (Fall 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Help Yourself Be Happier Now.* (Fall 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Facing Fears of the Future.* (Summer 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Recognizing, Understanding and Managing Negative Bias in the Workplace.* (Summer 2024) [HR.com](#).
- *Understanding PTSD and C-PTSD.* (Summer 2024) [Dr. Vermani Podcast](#).
- *Building An Unbreakable You.* (Summer 2024) [I Am Unbreakable Magazine](#).
- *Managing Anxiety in The Workplace: Insights on G.A.D. and Social Anxiety.* (Summer 2024) [HR.com](#).
- *The Importance of Taking a Break from Work.* (Summer 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Listening Up: Mastering the Art of Active Communication.* (Summer 2024) [HR.com](#).
- *When It's Over.* (Spring 2024) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Leading With Compassion: A Clinical Psychologist's Guide to Cultivating a Healthy Workplace.* (Spring 2024) [Founder Reports](#).

- *Understanding and Managing Summer SAD.* (Spring 2024) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Mental Wellness Mastery: Mental Health Expert Dr. Monica Vermani on Everyday Life Hacks for Optimal Mental Wellness.* (Spring 2024) [Authority Magazine.](#)
- *Combatting Loneliness.* (Spring 2024) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Putting Your Problems on The Table.* (Spring 2024) [Toronto Guardian.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: How to Break Up with Your Bad Habits.* (Spring 2024) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Transforming Negative Thoughts: A Path to Personal Growth.* (Spring 2024) [Toronto Guardian.](#)
- *The Ripple Effect: The power of positivity, why our thoughts matter, and how to become a more positive Thinker.* (Spring 2024) [I Am Unbreakable Magazine.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: When overworking becomes problematic.* (Spring 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: Problematic Alcohol Consumption.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: Time to Get Smart About Smartphone Usage.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Ask Dr. Vermani: I'm Afraid My Childhood Bully Will Be Back in My Life, What Do I Do?* (Winter 2023) [Anokhi Life.](#)
- *Ask Dr. Vermani: How Do I Create "Me Time" In My Demanding Life?* (Winter 2023) [Anokhi Life.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: How to Break Up with The Bad Habit of Social Isolation.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: Revenge Bedtime Procrastination.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Setting an Intention for Better Self-Care.* (Winter 2023) [I Am Unbreakable Magazine.](#)
- *Understanding and Practicing Gratitude.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Ask Dr. Vermani: How Do I Tell My Friend She's Taking My Emotional Support for Granted?* (Winter 2023) [Anokhi Life.](#)
- *Breaking Bad: People Pleasing.* (Winter 2023) [Psychology Today.](#)
- *Why Happiness Postponed is Happiness Lost.* (Winter 2023) [Toronto Waterfront Magazine.](#)

- *Breaking Bad: Habitual Cannabis Use.* (Fall 2023) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Ask Dr. Vermani: Why Does Our Family Get Togethers Always End with A Fight?* (Fall 2023) [Anokhi Life](#).
- *Breaking Bad: Procrastination.* (Fall 2023) [Psychology Today](#).
- *Ask Dr. Vermani: How Do I Tell My Sis-In-Law to Stop Intruding in My Daughter's Wedding Plans?* (Fall 2023) [Anokhi Life](#).
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- Marcus M, Westra H, Vermani M, Katzman MA. Predictors of detection and disclosure of depression and anxiety disorders in primary care. Anxiety Disorders Association of Canada (ADAC), Annual Conference. Montreal, April 2007.
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Major Depressive Disorder. American Psychiatric Association (APA), Annual Conference. Toronto, May 2006.

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- Struzik L, Duffin J, Vermani M, Katzman MA Effects of Serotonergic Modulation on Respiratory Control in Man. Experimental Biology. New Orleans, April 2002.
- Struzik L, Duffin J, Vermani M, Hegadoren K, Katzman MA. Effects of Deficient Serotonergic

Modulation on Chemoreflex Control of Breathing in Man. Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA), Annual Conference. Austin, March 2002.

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CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES UNDERWAY

- *Effects of treatment on brain metabolism.*
- *Efficacy of Acupuncture in the treatment of sexual dysfunction.*
- *A study of St. John's Wort in the treatment of social anxiety disorder.*
- *A diagnostic assessment of patients presenting to a tertiary care cardiac center with Supraventricular Tachycardia.*
- *Testing a Cognitive Model of control anxiety.*
- *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy and life role functioning in co-morbid anxiety disorders: A Pilot Study.*

CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES & WORKSHOPS

Stress Reduction Breath~Body~Mind Workshops | 2006

Serving Those Who Serve (non-profit)

- World Trade Center 9/11 Community and First Responders
- Breath~Body~Mind workshops – teaching psychiatrists, other physicians, hospital staff, yoga teachers, military veterans, psychiatric patients, cancer patients, brain and spinal cord injury

patients and others.

Breath~Body~Mind Practices Workshops | 2005

- Professional conferences, service projects, mass disasters, professional caregiver stress, and workshops
- START Clinic funding – The Effectiveness of the Art of Living Course as an Adjunctive Treatment in Patients Suffering from GAD with or without Comorbidities.

Research Study | Nov. 2009

- The goal was to study the effect of a multi-component yoga program on measures of anxiety in 30 individuals, including First Responders affected by the WTC attacks, who had ongoing symptoms of anxiety, depression and PTSD. Richard P. Brown, Patricia L. Gerbarg, Monica Vermani, Martin A. Katzman
- **Role:** Co-investigator

Research Study | March 2009

- The goal was to study a program of breathing, movement and meditation practices as an intervention for individuals suffering with generalized anxiety disorder with comorbidity. An open pilot trial of breathing and meditation practices with 6-week follow-up was performed in 40 subjects. Martin A. Katzman, BSc., MD, F.R.C.P.(C), Monica Vermani, Psy.D., C. Psych., Richard P. Brown, MD, Patricia L. Gerbarg, MD
- **Role:** Co-investigator
- START Clinic funding – Study 2: Pilot Study of Breathing, Movement, and Meditation Intervention for PTSD, Depression, and Anxiety Related to September 11th New York City World Trade Centre Attacks.

Research Study | October 2008

- The goal was to study the effect of a multi-component yoga program on measures of anxiety in 30 individuals, including First Responders affected by the WTC attacks, who had ongoing symptoms of anxiety, depression and PTSD. Richard P. Brown, Patricia L. Gerbarg, Monica Vermani, Martin A. Katzman
- **Role:** Co-investigator
- START Clinic funding – Pilot Study: Trial of Meditation and Breathing Practices for Relief of Symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder with Comorbidity.

Pilot Research Study | Feb. 2007

- The goal was to do a pilot study of the effect of a multi-component yoga program on measures of anxiety in 40 patients with treatment resistant generalized anxiety disorder and other comorbidities. Martin A. Katzman, BSc., MD, F.R.C.P.(C), Monica Vermani, Psy.D., C. Psych., Richard P. Brown, MD, Patricia L. Gerbarg, MD,
- **Role:** Co-investigator
- START Clinic funding – Study 1: Pilot Study of Breathing, Movement, and Meditation

Intervention for PTSD, Depression, and Anxiety Related to September 11th New York City World Trade Centre Attacks.

TALKS AND SPEAKING EVENTS

- *Healthy, Happy & Whole: Forging A Deeper Understanding, & A More Impactful Response To Mental Illness In The Workplace.* [HR.com](#), March 2024.
- *Think About It!* [TEDxUofT](#), Aug 2023.
- *Understanding Our Negative Thoughts and How To Break the Cycles That Lead to Fear and Self-Doubt.* 2023 TRREB Realtorquest - [Toronto Regional Real Estate Board](#), May 2023.
- *International Women's Day.* [GotStyle Women](#), March 2023.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- *Abuse: Physical, Emotional, Sexual, Financial & Social; An Overview and Exploration of Available Treatments.* [George Brown College](#), March 1998.
- *An Overview of the Phenomenology, Epidemiology and Management of Anxiety Disorders.* [Centennial College](#), November 2000.
- *The Spectrum of Mood & Anxiety Disorders.* [Centennial College](#), November 2001.

EDUCATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Research Ethics Course*, Franco J. Vaccarino, June 2001– Centre for Addiction & Mental Health.
- *Advances in the Assessment & Treatment of Chronic Pain*, Dennis C. Turk Ph.D., April 2000 at the Clinician's Institute for Training & Education.
- Psychometric training workshop for: *WAIS III, SASSI, Dot Counting Test (malingering)* at Centre for Addiction & Mental Health – Queen Street Site (1998)
- Attended Informative Seminars at Centre for Addiction & Mental Health – Queen Street Site (1998) on:
 - *Fitness to stand trial.*
 - *Criminal responsibility.*
 - *Assessing sexual offenders.*
 - *Assessing dangerousness.*

- Workshops at the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health – Queen Street Site (1998)
 - Personality Assessment I (focused on MMPI-2 and MMPI-A).
 - Personality Assessment II (focused on Axis II, SCID, TCI, PAI).
 - Intellectual Assessment (focused on NART-R, SILS, Ravens, WAIS III), &
 - Neuropsychological Assessment (focused on Memory, WMS III, MASI, Frontal Lobes, Visual Motor).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Ontario Association of Consultants, Counselors, Psychometrists & Psychotherapists (OACCPP), (2000 - present).
- Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), (2000 – present).
- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), (2000—present).
- Canadian Register for Health Service Providers in Psychology
- Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing Association of Canada (EMDRAC)
- Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing International Association (EMDRIA)
- Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA), (2000 – present).
- Anxiety Disorders Association of Canada (ADAC), (2000 – present).
- American Psychological Association (APA), (2000—present).
- American Psychiatric Association (APA), (2000 – present).

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Businesswoman of The Year Nominee* Women Empowerment Awards Presented By Rogers. (Sept 2023)
- *The Outstanding Woman Award 2023 (Sports, Health and Fitness)* Waterfront Awards. (July 2023)
- *Cogeco Entrepreneur of the Year* Oakville Awards for Business Excellence, Cogeco & Oakville Chambers. (May 2023)
- *TD Business Achievement Awards Finalist* TD Business Achievement Awards Finalist. (June 2022)
- *RBC Best Business of the Year Award Winner* RBC Canadian SME National Business Awards-Best Business of the Year Award 2020. (April 2021)
- *RBC Canadian Woman Entrepreneur Nominee* RBC & Women Of Influence. (April 2021)