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Top Skills

Healthcare
Medicine
Clinical Research

Languages

Spanish (Native or Bilingual)
English (Native or Bilingual)

Certifications

Psychiatry and Neurology Board
Certified
Certificate in Psychiatry: Addiction
Psychiatry
Diplomate of the American Board of
Adolescent Psychiatry
American Board of Addiction
Medicine

Honors-Awards

American Psychiatric Association
and Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration
Minority Fellowship
United Health Foundation Diverse
Scholars Forum Research Grant
Congressional Hispanic Caucus
Institute Community Research
Scholarship
Latin American Cancer Research
Coalition Fellow Grant, Georgetown
University. Hospital-Lombardi
Cancer Center, Washington, DC
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority
Research Training Grant

Publications

Absolute Addiction Psychiatry
Review- Chapter 14, Behavioral
Addiction Pages 231-241

Hector Colon-Rivera, MD, MBA, MRO, FAPA

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Summary

Dr. Colón-Rivera is a distinguished quadruple board-certified adolescent, adult, and addiction psychiatrist of the Pennsylvania medical community. He has broad experience in community-based programs, emphasizing those that help increase access to severe mental illness and substance use disorder treatments.

He is the Medical Director of the Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha, Inc Behavioral Health Program (APM), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Hispanic communities' quality of life through direct behavior and substance use disorder services in the Philadelphia region. APM has functions related to education, health, human services, community, foster homes, and economic development.

Dr. Colon Rivera is also an attending physician at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and UPMC through their telemedicine services.

He is a co-founder, volunteer, and member of CrearConSalud.org, a non-profit that aims to support and conduct educational, research, and advocacy activities to increase public awareness and action regarding mental health in Puerto Rico and Latinx communities in the United States.

Dr. Colon-Rivera serves as a clinical advisor for the Advisory on Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee for Pennsylvania under Governor Shapiro's administration and the Opioid State Targeted Response Technical Assistance senior advisor in Puerto Rico.

Addiction Psychiatric Medicine 1st Edition

Opioid agonist therapy

Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

Perceived Stigma and Satisfaction With Care Among Veterans Receiving Methadone Maintenance Treatment: A Pilot Study.

He is the President of the Hispanic Caucus, a member of the Assembly, and the Council on Communication at the American Psychiatric Association.

He has participated in over 95 national and international presentations/workshops/ writings on substance use and related disorders, social determinants, the technology used to expand mental health treatments, and mental health in adults and adolescents.

Experience

Asociacion Puertorriquenos en Marcha

Medical Director

March 2019 - Present (5 years 6 months)

Greater Philadelphia Area

We are helping families face life's challenges while guiding them through their everyday needs. Through job readiness services, caring for the well-being of at-risk children and youth and providing training for foster/adoptive families, we are dedicated to supporting you in building a strong foundation.

Main Line Health

Consultation Liaison Psychiatrist

March 2021 - Present (3 years 6 months)

Pennsylvania, United States

Weekend coverage

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

10 years 3 months

Senior Advisor for Puerto Rico for the State Targeted Response Technical Assistant (STR-TA)

May 2018 - Present (6 years 4 months)

Puerto Rico area

Senior Advisor for Puerto Rico Territory for the State Targeted Response Technical Assistant Program funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and led by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)

Consulting Specialist

June 2014 - Present (10 years 3 months)

MA

American Psychiatric Association and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Minority Fellowship (2014-Present)

UPMC

5 years 1 month

Medical Director

July 2022 - Present (2 years 2 months)

New Castle, Pennsylvania, United States

The UPMC Jameson Partial Hospitalization Program is a comprehensive, short-term outpatient behavioral health treatment program. It is designed to help adults ages 18 and older who are experiencing mental or emotional instability, either to prevent inpatient hospitalization or to act as a step-down program for those recently discharged from inpatient behavioral health care.

Clinical Staff

August 2019 - August 2023 (4 years 1 month)

Seneca, PA

Clinical supervisor

CREARCONSALUD INC

Board Member

August 2017 - Present (7 years 1 month)

Puerto Rico

CrearConSalud, Inc. ("Create With Health" in English) is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization registered at Puerto Rico. We are committed to helping the Puerto Rican & Latinx in the United States face the challenges of mental health & substance use disorders. Click "About" above for more info.

Einstein Healthcare Network

Volunteer Staff

April 2019 - Present (5 years 5 months)

Greater Philadelphia Area

State of Pennsylvania

Clinical Member of the Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol for the State PA

August 2018 - Present (6 years 1 month)

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Area

Clinical member for the Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol for the State of PA.

The selection is an excellent opportunity to work together with the STR-TA to expand evidence practices in communities and overcome treatment barriers in PA. With this opportunity I see our team having input on education and training for the DDAP and patient in multiple counties at every level of care, and for people in long-term recovery.

American Psychiatric Association

President of the American Psychiatric Association Hispanic Caucus
July 2018 - June 2024 (6 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

The elections results are official, and I want to thank you for the great honor and responsibility of electing me to serve you as president of the Hispanic Caucus for the next three years. I want to congratulate Dr. Oscar Perez (Assembly Representative) and Dr. Edmundo Rivera (Assembly Deputy Representative) for their wins and to Dr. De La Gandara and Dr. Esperanza Diaz for their leadership in the past years and their mentorship and guidance for the past years. I hope to continue to work with you guys.

We need to recognize that we are stronger when we work together, so let's do this together.

Hector Colon-Rivera MD, MRO

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Attending Physician/Telemedicine/Project RAMP & ECHO
June 2017 - August 2023 (6 years 3 months)

Greater Pittsburgh Area

Firetree Ltd.

Psychiatrist

July 2019 - July 2022 (3 years 1 month)

Indiana, PA

Dual diagnosis inpatient unit via Telemedicine

University of Pennsylvania

Clinical Associate Appointment

June 2017 - March 2019 (1 year 10 months)

Greater Philadelphia Area

Veteran Administration

Psychiatrist

June 2017 - February 2019 (1 year 9 months)

Greater Philadelphia Area

Inpatient Psychiatric Unit

Emergency Room Unit

Addiction Psychiatrist

American Psychiatric Association

3 years 11 months

Consultant for the American Psychiatric Association's Council on
Addiction Psychiatry

July 2016 - May 2018 (1 year 11 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

[https://www.psychiatry.org/about-apa/meet-our-organization/councils/
addiction-psychiatry](https://www.psychiatry.org/about-apa/meet-our-organization/councils/addiction-psychiatry)

Chair of the APA Minority Fellowship Program

July 2016 - July 2017 (1 year 1 month)

Virginia

APA Substance Abuse Fellow

April 2016 - June 2017 (1 year 3 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

APA Board of trustee representative

July 2016 - May 2017 (11 months)

Virginia

Joint Commission Committee Representative

July 2015 - July 2016 (1 year 1 month)

Joint Reference Committee Resident Representative for the American
Psychiatry Association

July 2015 - July 2016 (1 year 1 month)

American Psychiatric Association, Council on Addiction Psychiatry,
Fellow position

July 2015 - July 2016 (1 year 1 month)

MFP/SAMHSA Fellow

July 2014 - July 2016 (2 years 1 month)

MA

Research Abstract Screener

2015 - 2015 (less than a year)

APA

Screening of research literature abstracts for psychiatric practice guidelines, working with The APA Office of Quality Improvement and Psychiatric Services (QIPS) to facilitate a global search of relevant psychiatric treatment literature. This effort is part of a larger initiative to contribute to the APA's systematic evidence reviews.

Yale School of Medicine

Addiction Psychiatry Fellow

July 2016 - July 2017 (1 year 1 month)

New Haven

Apt Foundation

1 year

Addiction Psychiatry Fellow

July 2016 - June 2017 (1 year)

North Haven, CT

Psychiatrist at North Haven methadone clinic

Psychiatrist at Access APT foundation clinic

Psychiatrist at the Adolescent clinic track

Addiction Fellow

July 2016 - June 2017 (1 year)

North Haven

Methadone clinic provider

Waterbury Hospital

Inpatient Psychiatrist

July 2016 - April 2017 (10 months)

Waterbury CT

Attending Psychiatrist for adult and adolescent inpatient unit

BUMC

4 years 3 months

Chief Psychiatry Resident

January 2016 - July 2016 (7 months)

Boston

In a psychiatric training program and provide various related medical services.

Resident Physician

May 2012 - July 2016 (4 years 3 months)

General Psychiatry training

Psychiatry Resident

June 2012 - June 2016 (4 years 1 month)

Boston, MA

BourneWood Health Systems

Doctor on Call

July 2015 - July 2016 (1 year 1 month)

Brookline

24 hours/month; acute inpatient psychiatric facility providing full psychiatric and chemical dependency services for all age's groups. Average of 4 new admissions per shift, including complete admission note and orders; daily medical rounding on 75 existing inpatients, and attend to medical emergencies.

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Medical Doctor

July 2015 - July 2016 (1 year 1 month)

Weekend shifts in a inpatient open unit.

American Society of Addiction Medicine

Ruth Fox Scholar 2016

January 2016 - January 2016 (1 month)

Scholarship recipients have the opportunity to meet with the Chair of the Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Committee, Board members and other prominent leaders in the addiction field.

Ponce Health Sciences University

Medical Student

July 2008 - April 2012 (3 years 10 months)

Dr. Colon-Rivera demonstrated many leadership qualities during his medical studies including: being the president of Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World, project Manager and officer of American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Chapter Officers', and student council representative in the Ponce School of Medicine and Health Science.

One of my favorites quotes is "Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth" by Roberto Clemente.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Research Assistant

May 2008 - July 2008 (3 months)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Research Assistant for "Phenotypic identification and molecular characteristic action of staphylococcus aureus and clostridium difficile isolates." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. Principal Investigator: Brandi Limbago PhD, Deputy Branch Chief at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Bachelor Student

May 2003 - 2008 (5 years)

Rio Piedras

Major: Biology

Economy

Disney Parks & Resorts

Merchandiser and Researcher

January 2007 - August 2007 (8 months)

Animal Kingdom

Business courses while doing research in economics.

Leiden University Medical Center

Research Fellow

May 2006 - July 2006 (3 months)

Leiden Netherlands

"Analysis of Plasmodium berguei gamma-glutamylcysteine synthetase's role in drug resistance lines and the knockout of this gene."

University of Puerto Rico

Investigation of DNA lines with multi drug resistance in Malaria

May 2004 - May 2006 (2 years 1 month)

Medical Campus

Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola

Student

1997 - 2003 (6 years)

Although his family did not have the economic means to pay for a private school education, here in Puerto Rico, He was able to work and attain a complete six-year scholarship in one of the top rated private schools in Puerto Rico, Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola. Since ninth grade he decided to give back to the community that helped him get through high school. For many years, he worked as a volunteer in community schools for students with special needs (low-income elementary students with learning disabilities) going to their school and helping them with their assignments.

Education

Yale University School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Addiction Medicine · (2016 - 2017)

Thomas Jefferson University

Master of Business Administration - MBA, Business Administration and Management, General · (January 2017 - November 2022)

Boston University

Medical Resident, Psychiatry Residency Program · (2012 - 2016)

Ponce School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Medicine · (2008 - 2012)

University of Puerto Rico

Bachelor's Degree, Biology, Economy · (2003 - 2008)