

## Proust questionnaire: Dr Caitlin Dunne



### What profession might you have pursued, if not medicine?

I was in the clinical psychology program at McGill before medical school.

### Which talent would you most like to have?

The ability to heal 100% of the time. I think every doctor wants that.

### What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Writing for the popular media has become a passion. It gives me a platform to raise awareness for women's health and battle the stigma of infertility.

### Who are your heroes?

I have two: my late grandmother and my husband, each for their character and their feminism.

### What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Happy children.

### What is your greatest fear?

That gender equality will not be achieved within my daughter's lifetime.

### What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

That I cannot think of a witty answer to this question.

### What characteristic do your favorite patients share?

Optimism.

### Which living physician do you most admire?

Dr Roberta Bondar.

### What is your favorite activity?

Running at sunrise while listening to the *New York Times* podcast.

### On what occasion do you lie?

I don't admit when I am having a bad day. I say something positive instead.

### Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

Congratulations, you're pregnant.

### What is your favorite place?

Sitting on the dock at the cottage.

### What medical advance do you most anticipate?

Gene editing in embryos.

### What is your most marked characteristic?

Hard work and consistency.

### What do you most value in your colleagues?

Integrity. My partners are known for it.

### What are your favorite books?

I like listening to David Sedaris's audiobooks.

### What is your greatest regret?

Not learning a second language. As a result, my kids are learning three.

### What is the proudest moment of your career?

Joining the Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine as a co-director right after fellowship.

### What is your motto?

"If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well." I read that in an Amelia Bedelia book when I was a kid and it has stuck with me.

### How would you like to die?

Old, in my sleep, after eating a bunch of cupcakes with my family.

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