

Jupiter Medical Center's New Leadership

In early 2006, the Board of Trustees announced Jupiter Medical Center's transition to self-management due to its financial strength, management tools, and adaptability to remain independent while facing intense competition and market challenges.

Since then, the change has been smooth as new leadership takes the reigns and continues to build upon Jupiter Medical Center's reputation for excellence.

Combined, these new leaders bring over 60 years of experience to Jupiter Medical Center.



Mary Bishop, RN, BSN, MSN, CNO and Paul Dell Uomo, CEO

Physician Profile: Ramin Abdolvahabi, M.D., Ph.D., Neurosurgeon

Raised by parents in the rich cultural world of travel, Ramin Abdolvahabi, M.D., Ph.D., developed a taste for diversity at an early age. Today, the craving for a range of challenges pervades both his personal and professional life, from music, to reading, to research; the neurosurgeon spends his time doing what he is most passionate about: caring for his patients, enjoying flamenco guitar and traveling the world.

"You only have one life to live, one chance to experience it. Every time you

travel, you get to see a new perspective and a different way of living," said Dr. Abdolvahabi. His travels have taken him throughout the United States and overseas, including Spain, France, Sweden and Switzerland, where he lived for six months after leaving his home in Tehran, Iran. He hopes to visit Eastern Europe in the future, and would especially like to explore Africa.

In addition to traveling and music, Dr. Abdolvahabi enjoys sports such as racquetball, alpine skiing, volleyball, and reading books and poetry. He enjoys Nathaniel Hawthorne, Franz Kafka and Shakespeare. He said, "Shakespeare could twist words into music."

Studying neurosurgery was not Dr. Abdolvahabi's original intent. He was always fascinated with the human mind and had planned to study psychiatry. His plans changed when his father, a highly intellectual engineer, became ill and Dr. Abdolvahabi saw his father's physical pain take over his mental capability. That the body could overcome the mind's ability was a significant observation that stirred his interest in neurosurgery, where he felt he could "have the best of both worlds," treating the disease of the brain and spine.

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Having been inspired he surrendered to the calling, but becoming a neurosurgeon was no small accomplishment. He dedicated 16 years of study, first receiving his undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland, then finishing medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University, and finally earning his Ph.D. and completing 8 years of extensive training in neurosurgery during his residency at Detroit Medical Center, the teaching and clinical research site for Wayne State University School of Medicine, the nation's fourth largest medical school.

Dr. Abdolvahabi also enjoys the technical aspect of neurosurgery, and that it is multi-faceted. "Neurosurgery is one of the highest technical echelons of surgery. The fact that there is so much unknown about the brain is incredible," he said.

"I love my patients," he said. "The brain is the center of their being and they trust me to treat it. The majority of my patients are the bravest people I've met."



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