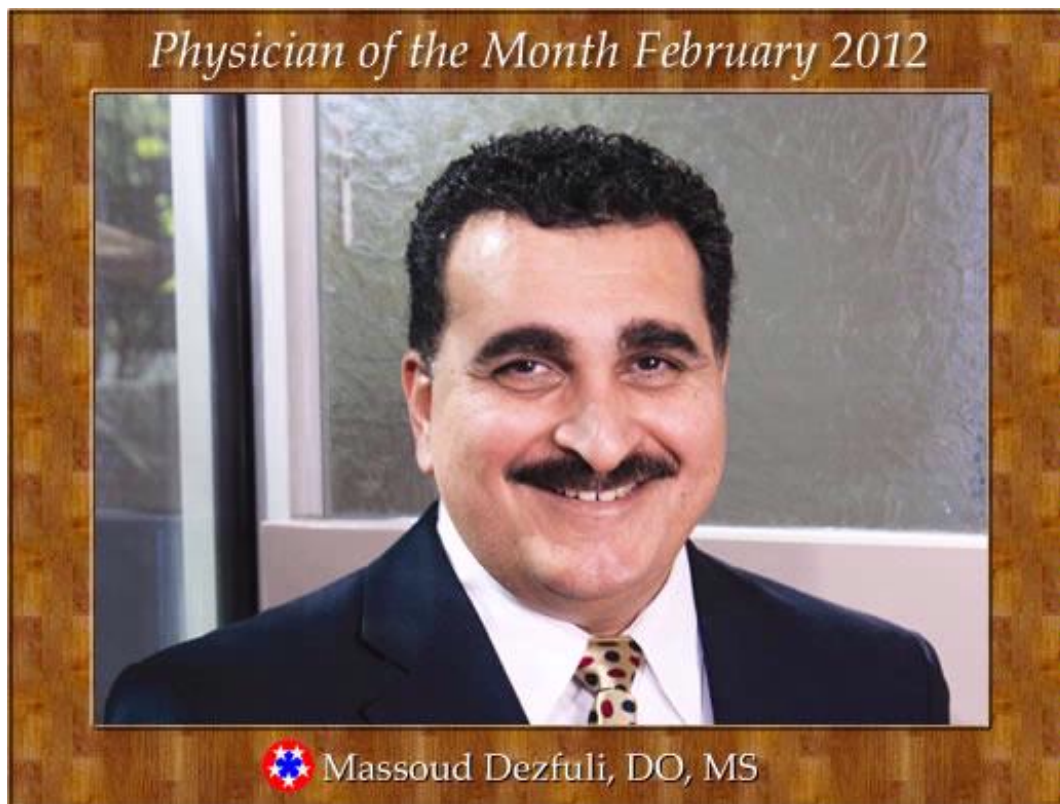


# Physician of the Month February 2012

Massoud Dezfuli, DO, MS

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Dr. Dezfuli has consistently demonstrated his concerns for patient care. He has gone out of the way to ensure that patients, regardless of circumstances, received the care they need. He has looked for cost saving measures for the hospital and realized he could save the Emergency Department admissions if patients requiring immediate antibiotic therapy receive their first dose in the ED. Then patients are transferred to receive subsequent treatment in the antibiotic infusion center. Dr. Dezfuli has also saved the hospital money on uninsured patients with serious infections by transferring their care to the outpatient setting in order to reduce unreimbursed hospital admissions while still providing the standard of care. He follows all patients closely, monitoring lab values and coordinating the best care possible with other physicians as well as the Infusion and Wound Care Centers. He demonstrates his interest and passion for excellent medicine, particularly infectious disease, by constantly looking for quality improvement and cost reduction strategies.

Additionally, Dr. Dezfuli has assisted out of area patients by writing orders for them to receive their treatments at the Infusion Center until they can establish a local primary care doctor or return home. These patients have expressed their gratitude after finding it impossible to get treatment from other medical facilities in the area. This has had a positive impact on our reputation for extending 5 star services to our community.

Dr. Dezfuli makes himself available to the staff for questions and educational needs. Even during the most hectic days he maintains his sense of humor. This is greatly appreciated by our patients and staff.

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