

# Zubin Damania, MD

## Innovative Founder of Turntable Health, YouTube Sensation ZDoggMD

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### About Zubin Damania, MD

Zubin Damania, M.D. is the founder of Turntable health and the director of healthcare development for Downtown Project Las Vegas, an ambitious urban revitalization movement spearheaded by Zappos.com CEO Tony Hsieh. This project is investing \$350 million in the revitalization of the urban core of Las Vegas, including small business development, residential housing, education, technology, and healthcare.

During his 10-year hospitalist career at Stanford, Dr. Damania received the Russell Lee Award for Clinical Teaching while simultaneously maintaining a shadow career performing stand-up comedy for medical audiences worldwide. His videos, created under the pseudonym ZDoggMD, have amassed millions of views, focusing on educating patients and providers alike while mercilessly satirizing our dysfunctional healthcare system.

In Las Vegas, Zubin has made the leap from satire to actionable change by developing Turntable Health, an innovative model of healthcare delivery that promotes wellness at both the individual and community level.

### Select Keynotes

- **Zubin's Story**

Zubin shares his story while challenging healthcare groups, corporations, and associations to examine their own industry and ask if it still works – then come up with innovative ways to fix it. ?Zubin did everything his immigrant physician parents expected of him: molecular biology and music at UC Berkeley, medical school at UCSF, residency in internal medicine at Stanford, and finally a nearly decade-long career as a hospital doctor at Stanford University Medical Center. He also routinely took out the trash and cleaned his room. But then he did something his parents didn't expect (or much quite like): he quit, left the Bay Area with his wife and two young daughters, and moved to Downtown Las Vegas. All to be a part of an epic experiment: Zappos CEO Tony Hsieh's Downtown Project. The goal was to transform Downtown Las Vegas in record time from a series of empty lots and quirky bars to the epicenter of a burgeoning tech, arts, food, and business scene. Tony was investing \$350 million of his own cash to curate this experiment, and he asked Zubin to do nothing less than rethink entirely how a 2.8 trillion dollar industry – healthcare – might look if it were just done right from scratch.

### Select Testimonials

This was the PERFECT opening session. For one thing, it is so important in advancement for us to put ourselves in the shoes of our donor prospects. I'm not sure it occurs to many of us that the doctors we try to get in front of may actually be miserable! Whatever our occupations may be, Zubin reminded us of the importance of embracing all of one's natural gifts, in his case comedy, etc. as well as a love of medicine.

– AAMC National Professional Development Conference for Institutional Advancement



My members absolutely loved ZDoggMD as a keynote; he was the perfect mix of entertainment and inspiration! His ability to provide thoughtful insight on changing the culture of medicine while getting belly laughs is a rare talent.

– *American Medical Student Association*

Dr. Zubin Damania has a unique ability as a speaker to entertain, move and inspire audiences. He combines his humanity, comedy and musical talents to communicate serious messages about health and his own unique model of healthcare.

– *DotMED Conference (Dublin, Ireland)*

ZDogg was the perfect keynote for our inaugural users conference. He delivered the right mix of humor and healthcare thought leadership to both entertain and educate the medical professionals in attendance. In a word, he was 'amaZing.

– *Modernizing Medicine*

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) was fortunate to have ZDoggMD speak at our Fall Convention in September 2013. He was one of the most entertaining and relevant keynote speakers we have ever received due to his training as a physician and his current work with Turntable Health in Las Vegas ... The entire group thoroughly enjoyed his empowering talk about medicine as a science, art, business, and profession. We highly recommend ZDoggMD and hope for future collaborations!

– *National SOMA Convention*

Dr. Damania knocked it out of the park – possibly the best conference speaker ever and I've been attending conferences for over 30 years.

– *ProAssurance Corporation*

Dr. Damania was the highlight of our conference - everyone from frontline clinical staff to c-suite executives loved his session. He masterfully blended humor with a powerful message about health care transformation that everyone interested in improving the US health system should hear.

– *SSM Health Care*

Comedy and pathos. Clinical insight and the heart of a physician. Zubin and Z-Dogg. You get it all when you bring Zubin Damania, MD, to your event. Not only was Zubin/Z a hit when he/they spoke at the general session of TexMed 2014, he busted his gluteus maximus ahead of time, helping us promote the event with a custom Z-Dogg video and lots of action on his social media networks. Zubin is a real health care revolutionary. Z-Dogg is an Internet sensation. You can't go wrong bringing these two to your next event.

– *Texas Medical Association*

ZDogg (or Dr. Damania) is one of the finest, funniest, and informative speakers I've ever heard. Hands down the most entertaining doctor I have ever heard present. My body is still sore from the profound laughter he induced ... and his message about medicine's future and the importance of touch can't be emphasized enough.

– *The Scripps Research Institute*