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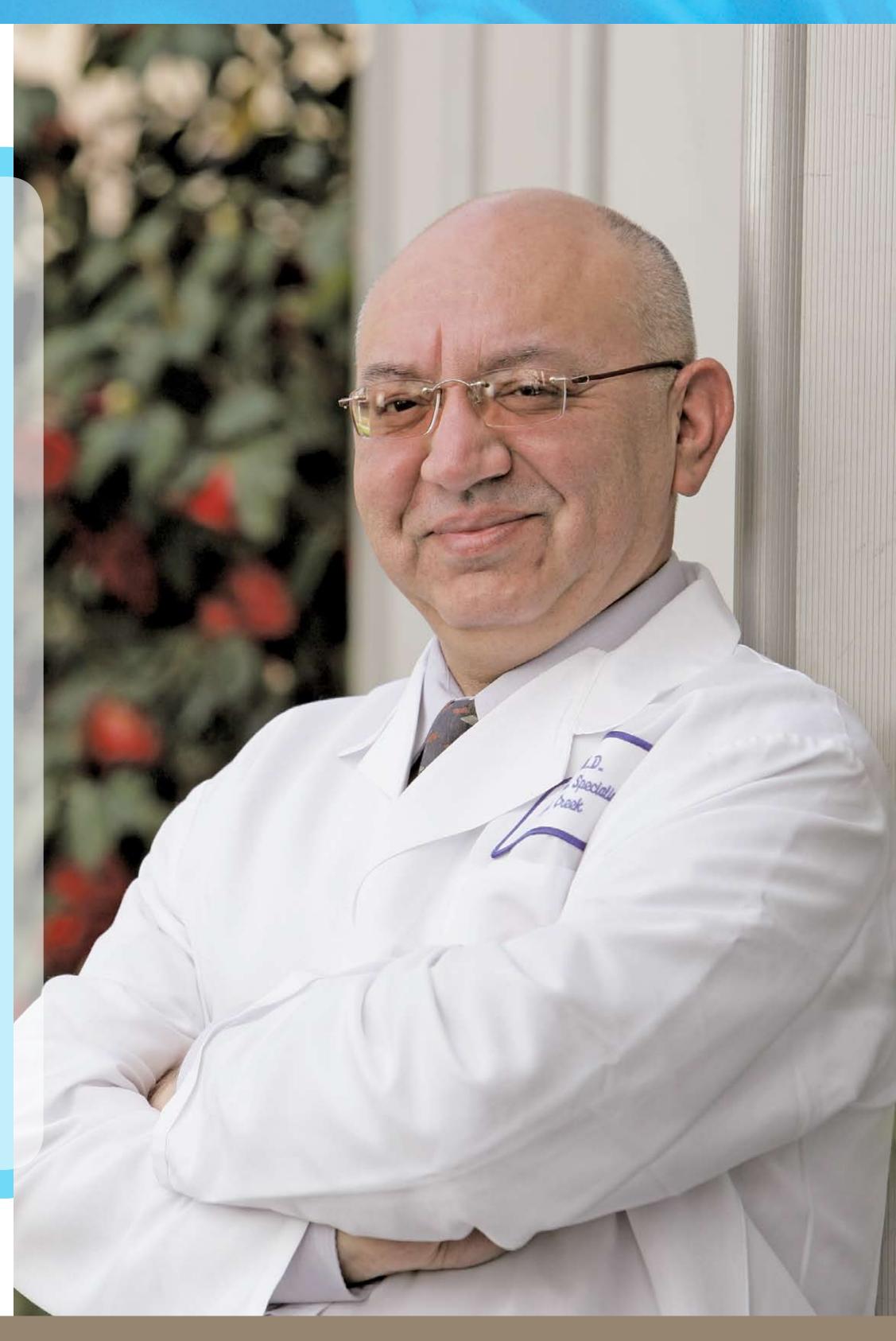
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Growing up in Afghanistan, I had a family member who was a physician. His care and deep concern for others fueled my dreams that someday I would become a physician, too. My dream came true in the United States.

My desire to help people inspired me to become involved in hospital medicine. I'm proud to say that Kaiser Permanente immediately saw that hospitalists – physicians who would care exclusively for patients in the hospital – would help us provide even more personalized care and service. I eagerly agreed to help develop and implement a hospital-based program for Northern California. In addition, I organized the first team of hospitalists in Martinez and Walnut Creek and continue to lead this outstanding group.

Later, I became the lead physician of a Patient Care Experience Initiative. By looking closely at the hospital experience from the patient's perspective, we've been able to launch more than 40 different projects to improve all aspects of care – from admission through discharge.

I never thought I'd have the opportunity to help so many patients in so many ways. It's been an honor, and the fulfillment of my childhood dream.



"THE GUIDING LIGHT FOR ME IS OUR PATIENTS."



