

**DR. JABALY:**  
**NO TO HEALTH INSURANCE ABUSE**

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Dr. Jabaly believes that no patient should ever be left behind. Health costs are at an all-time high, and health insurers describe the business as being a “*balancing act*.” According to a Toledo Blade\* investigation, ninety-five percent of respondents said insurers would impede, compromising patient care. Fourteen percent believe intervention caused death or injury to the patient (Blade). Dr. Jabaly offers state of the art medical care for those with and without insurance, who are seeking an alternative to the swelling health care costs, and over the traditional health insurance plans.

Health insurers—are they abusing the business, or are they keeping “*the interests of not only doctors and patients in mind, but of those footing the bill for insurance coverage? [...] It’s a balancing act [...] Sometimes, we are in the middle because we have a number of parties we have to serve*” (Blade). Yet, what many do not realize is that both the insurance payers and doctors are feeling the sting of financial pressure. Doctors’ incomes have become unsteady ever since the federal government trimmed reimbursements for Medicare. “*Insurers have to keep the interests of not only the doctors and patients in mind, but of those footing the bill for insurance coverage*” (Blade). But, does that justify increasing insurance rates, leaving many people uninsured and unable to seek medical attention?

Health insurance, in part, is big business. The latest federal statistics show private health insurance accounting for a third of the U.S.’s health expenditures—more than \$723 billion (Blade). Dr. Jabaly has made medical attention for the uninsured accessible. Those patients become part of the Prestige program, which allows for them to pay a flat fee for the year. The fee covers four visits with Dr. Jabaly, along with all laboratory tests and other services, such as MRIs and X-rays, at inexpensive costs.

*“Medicine is changing and I felt it was important to bring a different approach to my practice. With Prestige, I can help people to manage their health care and make a difference in their lives.”*

-Dr. Georges T. Jabaly

As much as insurance companies claim that they are trying to cut costs and provide better medical coverage for all, glancing over statistics proves otherwise. This year alone, the U.S. health-care industry doubled, costing \$2.4 trillion (Blade). Dr. Jabaly recognizes the critical need for lower prices and equal attention.

*“We want to make a difference in peoples’ lives as well as evaluate and treat the whole person. [...] I think it is important to listen to each of my patients and treat each as a person.”*

-Dr. Georges T. Jabaly

\*A Blade Investigation—Not What the Doctor Ordered. *Julie M. McKinnon. Aug. 26, 2008.*