

A Gangsta's Childhood Ain't Fun

Indeed, it can be hard labor. For me, the path to low grade superstardom in the medical rap game began during my childhood, living on an orange orchard in Central California. Digging irrigation ditches, spraying fungicide, hurling manure... these things added up to something crucial: STREET CRED! Take a look at Ice Cube, Jay-Z, 'Pac...I bet every single one of them drove a tractor at some point (with or without gold rims and hydraulics). Though I bet I was the only one with Teddy Ruxpin riding shotgun. REPRESENT!

Medicine, Music, and Mullets

High school. Two physician parents, both telling me to do anything BUT medicine. An amazing helmet-like mullet. Career choice? To become the next Weird Al, only...WEIRDER.

Problem? Not enough talent. Solution?

Rebel against parents. BECOME A DOCTOR.

Med Skooled

UC Berkeley: Music and Molecular Biology. African drumming and fruit fly genetics. One constant: still no talent.

UCSF Med School: All I remember is producing the class play with Dr. Harry and Doc Quixote, which included the amazing Docs of Hazzard (in which we launched a gurney off a stairwell...I still have no feeling in my thumb. YEEEEEE HAW!). I was told by an attending physician, "You speak, and then think. I want you to reverse that. Better yet, just think."

I didn't listen. Instead, I gave this infamous commencement speech which launched my illustrious medical comedy career, as well as several restraining orders and the institution of a mandatory electrified ankle bracelet that I wear to this day. LIKE A BOSS.

Stanford and A Hard Doc's Life

Internal medicine residency, followed by a...

Testimonials

"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 human touch can't be emphasized enough. "

- Dr. Eric Topol.

"The hip hop hospitalist is a joy to watch, listen to and learn from. His energy, sense of humor and playfulness dramatically support the deep knowledge he is able to convey to an audience. A standing ovation from over 550 medical professionals and guests says it all!"

- Mid-Atlantic Kaiser Permanente Group.

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Speech Topics

Musician

Humor

Healthcare

Health & Wellness

