

UNDER THE SURFACE

Get to know the multifaceted Dr. Louis DeJoseph, who leads the successful team at the state-of-the-art Premier Image Cosmetic & Laser Surgery in Atlanta. 6085 Barfield Road, Ste. 100, Atlanta, premierimage.com

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Dr. Louis DeJoseph prides himself on being a true specialist in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery who exceeds his patients' expectations every day. However, transforming lives is just part of this passionate surgeon's fascinating life. Here, the Atlantan chats about his love for adventure and the outdoors, his role model and what drives him to excel in everything he does.

Where are you from originally, and what attracted you to Atlanta?

I am originally from northeast Pennsylvania where they get entirely too much snow! [laughs] I came to Atlanta for my plastic surgery training and never left. I fell in love with the South, the people and the weather.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I guess you could say I grew up in a medical family. My father was a cardiologist and my mother a nurse, so conversations at the dinner table were usually about something medical. As a child in my small hometown, my father would take me on rounds in the hospital on Saturdays and I'd carry his charts. I loved the impact he had on his patients, from his bedside manner to getting them back to health. So, I set my sights on medical school and was exposed to plastic surgery early on. I was amazed at what these surgeons did. Their ability to put someone back together after an accident or make their outside match their inside was incredible to me. The rest is history as they say!

What motivates you?

What motivates me are the relationships I develop with my patients and the opportunity to match someone's outer appearance to complement their heart, soul and

Outside of the operating room, Dr. DeJoseph unwinds by getting outdoors and on the water.

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Dr. DeJoseph on
the bank of the
Chattahoochee River

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inner youth. It is rewarding each day to watch people shine when they have the self-confidence to do so. The other is having the honor to be a fellowship director for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, which provides me the opportunity to train and mentor young facial plastic surgeons who share the same passion. It's an incredible feeling to see them succeed with the skills you passed on to them.

Who is someone you admire and why?
Ayrton Senna. You may not be familiar with him, but he was arguably the greatest Formula One racing driver of all time. What I admired about him was he never stopped trying to be better even after he achieved so much. That's a trait I always try to emulate in both my personal and professional life every day.

Where does your love of the outdoors stem from?

That comes from my father. He always made time growing up to take me fly-fishing. We literally learned it together from start to finish. It definitely had an impact on me and has shaped my love of the outdoors.

What is the most adventurous thing you've ever done?

Racing shifter go-karts for many years. It was one of my favorite things to do. It is technical, physical and intellectual to go fast consistently lap after lap. I loved it.

What does a perfect weekend look like for you?

A perfect weekend is a long weekend! Usually a trip to North Georgia in my truck with my fishing gear to a cabin. I love Lake Blue Ridge and Lake Burton. There is something about the calm of the water in the mornings that really is wonderful. As far as activities, it would be an afternoon of fly-fishing and then relaxing on a cabin porch with a smooth bourbon at the end of the day. o

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LASER FOCUSED

Highly skilled and people-oriented facial plastic surgeon Dr. Louis DeJoseph pulls back the curtain to reveal his daily schedule, from his wake-up routine to the show he’s currently streaming.

AS TOLD TO KELSIE BARTON



7:15AM

“I get to the office by 7:15AM and I look at my scheduled patients to plan for the day. Then I try and answer some of the 50 or so emails I get every day.”



6AM

“I’m usually up at 6AM every day. I let the dogs out, brew some coffee, and head into the office or surgery.”



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MODERN LUXURY

12PM

“I usually head to lunch with my partner, Dr. Daraei, and our facial plastic surgery fellow at Food Terminal in Sandy Springs.”

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: PHOTOS BY PATRICK HEAGNEY; BY ANDREA PIACQUADIO/PEXELS; BY URBANIVE STUDIO; COURTESY OF JURA COFFEE



"My must-haves are a fly rod, a Gore-Tex jacket and some good old fishing buddies." *Simms G4 Pro wading jacket, The Fish Hawk, Buckhead, thefishhawk.com; simmsfishing.com*



"For swimwear, I like Vissla for the beach but Simms waders for fly-fishing." *Simms G4Z stockingfoot waders, The Fish Hawk, Buckhead, thefishhawk.com; simmsfishing.com*



"My favorite outdoor accessories are Smith ChromaPop polarized sunglasses, my Howler Brothers hat, and plenty of Gore-Tex and sunblock." *Smith Guide's Choice sunglasses, Orvis, Buckhead, orvis.com; smithoptics.com*



"My drink of choice? That's an easy one. Auchentoshan Three Wood single malt scotch." *auchentoshan.com*



THE REEL DEAL

"I've been fly-fishing since age 7 and used to instruct fly-casting and tying flies since fourth grade," reveals Dr. Louis DeJoseph, who escapes to the water every chance he gets. Here, the active Atlantan shares how to tackle the great outdoors in style this summer with his roundup of essentials.

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"A new Scott fly rod is currently at the top of my wish list." *Scott Centric fly rod, The Fish Hawk, Buckhead, thefishhawk.com; scottflyrod.com*

"I love to shop for fishing and outdoor gear at The Fish Hawk in Buckhead or Orvis." *thefishhawk.com; orvis.com*