

**Top Oncologist Dr. Nerses Simon Tchekmedyian to Speak at  
11th Armenian Medical World Congress**

This year, more than one and a half million new cancer cases and more than half a million cancer deaths are projected to occur in the United States. Cancer death rates have declined by 20 percent from their peak in 1991.

New cancer treatments are increasingly contributing to this improvement. As the development of new cancer control strategies accelerates, it is important for physicians to be familiar with the newest options.



**Nerses Simon Tchekmedyian, MD, FACP**, is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Teaching Head of Hematology/Oncology at St. Mary Medical Center, a Diplomate of both the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In July, he will be speaking on "Cancer Treatment News 2013" at the 11th Armenian Medical World Congress in Los Angeles.

"New cancer treatments bring great hope this year! We will present, and put in medical context, the novel molecularly targeted therapies, immunotherapies, monoclonal antibodies, antibody drug conjugates and additional approaches that promise more cures with less toxicity," states Dr. Tchekmedyian.

Dr. Tchekmedyian is also the Founder and Medical Director of one of the largest Oncology practices in the country, the Pacific Shores Medical Group headquartered in Long Beach, California. He received his medical degree from the University School of Medicine in Uruguay. He then completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Brooklyn Hospital, an Affiliate of University of New York Downstate Medical Center and his fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at the University of Maryland Hospital and Cancer Center.

In the area of cancer research, Dr. Tchekmedyian has made pioneering contributions, including the development of a drug that reverses the loss of appetite and weight loss in patients. He has been a clinical investigator in over 300 cancer research studies. In addition, Dr. Tchekmedyian is an Associate Editor of *Oncology* and author in over 170 medical publications.

Throughout his career, Dr. Tchekmedyian has received numerous awards. In 2011, the Armenian American Medical Society presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional leadership and commitment to public service. For six consecutive years, he was awarded as a Physician of Excellence-Oncology by the Orange County Medical Oncology Association and he received the Best Doctors of America Award for three years in a row.

"These are exciting times in the fight against cancer," says Kevork Kazanjian, MD, FACS, Co-Chair of the Scientific Council of the 11th Armenian Medical World Congress. "Significant progress has been made in recent years in prevention and treatment leading to a decline in cancer deaths. However, cancer remains as one of the leading causes of death. The future of cancer therapy will aim to individualize

multidisciplinary treatment based on an understanding of a patient's cancer biology and molecular profile."

Advanced registration for the 11th Armenian Medical World Congress ends on May 1, 2013. For more information and to register please visit our website at [www.aamsc.com/congress](http://www.aamsc.com/congress).