## **Topic:** Surviving Lung Cancer

## Guest: Harmik Soukiasian, MD

Dr. Soukiasian earned his medical degree from the University of Southern California School of Medicine (USC). He completed a general surgery residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. During this training, he took time off to be a research fellow in cardiothoracic surgery, dedicating an entire year to focus on research. Following this year of research, he returned to the clinical realm and completed his general surgery training. Dr. Soukiasian



then completed training in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

After completing cardiothoracic training, to build expertise in the field of esophageal and foregut surgery, Dr. Soukiasian trained at the University of Pittsburgh, Heart Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute where he completed a minimally invasive esophageal and thoracic fellowship, concentrating on minimally invasive treatment of both esophageal oncology as well as benign esophageal disease, including training in minimally invasive esophagectomy. Dr. Soukiasian also completed a fellowship in minimally invasive thoracic surgery for both thoracic oncology and benign thoracic disease. In order to offer his patients the latest innovations in thoracic surgery, Dr. Soukiasian continues to expand the role of minimally invasive and robotic thoracic surgery at Cedars-Sinai. He is the author of more than 30 articles in peer reviewed publications. A much sought after speaker, Dr. Soukiasian has lectured and presented at more than 50 national and international scientific and surgical conferences.



Vicken Sepilian, MD, FACOG

"Your Health" host Dr. Vicken Sepilian is a current board member and Past President of the Armenian American Medical Society. He is board-certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, as well as Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia and his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Texas. Dr. Sepilian currently practices in Los Angeles and in Glendale.

Featuring physicians and health care professionals whose areas of practice cover the entire spectrum of allied health care, "Your Health" is a dynamic resource for viewers interested in improving their health. The program emphasizes the importance of preventative care, and focuses on how people can maintain a healthful lifestyle. The program provides an opportunity for the Armenian community to address their concerns with the counsel of bi-lingual health care professionals. It also provides viewers with information about the Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS) and its activities in California and Armenia. The AAMS encourages individuals to contact local social workers to learn whether they are eligible for health insurance. AAMS doctors and nurses encourage their patients to get the insurance they deserve, and to see a physician regularly for the care that they need.