

Topic:

Allergic Disorders

Guests:

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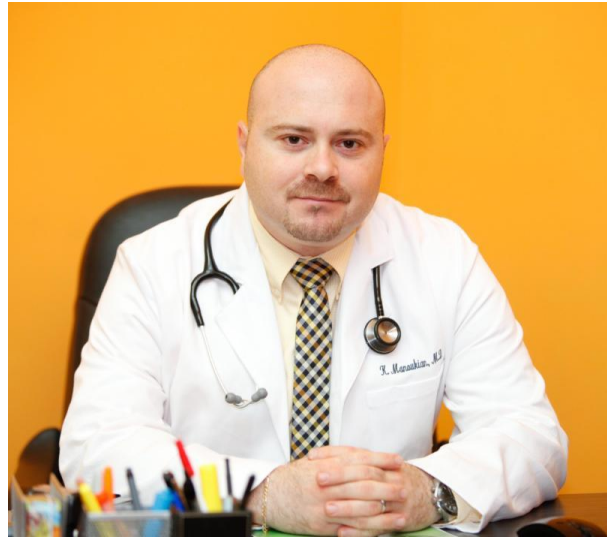
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Raffi Tachdjian, MD, MPH, is Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Dr. Tachdjian received his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, followed by an internship and residency in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, and a fellowship in Allergy, Immunology, and Rheumatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. A member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, Dr. Tachdjian is an invited speaker and advisory board member for national and international meetings on allergic and immune dysfunction. He has authored numerous scientific publications and serves as an editorial reviewer in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Tachdjian's research focuses on immune dysfunction, asthma and allergic inflammation, and he has served as primary or co-investigator of 15 grant-funded research studies. He was voted one of the UCLA Health System's Best Doctors and was selected to receive the Editors' Choice Award by The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Dr. Tachdjian is also considered a world authority on Hereditary Angioedema and Chronic Granulomatous Disease, both orphan diseases with emerging treatment modalities he continues to develop. Dr. Tachdjian completed an internship at the Centers of Disease Control & Prevention, where he led the outbreak investigations and epidemiologic studies on Pertussis (whooping cough). He is credited with helping to understand the waning immunity of the pertussis vaccine, which led to current booster dosing in adolescents and adults. In serving the Armenian Community, he is a board member of the Armenian American Medical Society, spearheading the Mentorship and Scholarship programs. Board certified in Adult and Pediatric Allergy and Immunology as well as in Pediatrics, Dr. Tachdjian serves as Director of Clinical Trials at Allergy & Clinical Immunology Medical Group in Santa Monica, California, and AIRE Medical Group in Burbank, CA. Finally, Dr. Tachdjian is the founder and president of the Children's Music Fund (www.TheCMF.org), a 501c3 non-profit providing musical instruments and music therapy to children with chronic and life-altering illness.

Krikor Manoukian, MD is the co-founder of AIRE Medical group where we strive to provide quality and effective care for patients suffering from various allergies, asthma, and immunodeficiencies. Dr. Manoukian received a dual Bachelor in Arts Degree (B.A.) in Biology and Economics from University of Southern California (USC), Medical Degree from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), completed residency in Internal Medicine from Kaiser Los Angeles (a UCLA affiliated hospital), and fellowship in Allergy/Immunology from University of California Irvine (UCI).



He is a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI), American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI), American College of Physicians (ACP), and American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Manoukian is in the forefront of developing techniques in cluster immunotherapy. His research interests currently is looking at the obesity and asthma connection. His academic achievements include publications, and presentations at major conferences or seminars. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Adult and Pediatric Allergy and Immunology.



"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. The program also provides viewers with information about the AAMS and our 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.