

Topic:

Retinal Diseases and Advanced Treatments

Guest:

Haroutun Hovanesian, MD



Dr. Haroutun Hovanesian is a Board Certified ophthalmologist who specializes in the treatment of vitreo-retinal diseases, as well as cataracts, and a wide variety of other eye disorders. He practices at the Specialty Eye Care Medical Center, with its three locations in Glendale, Sherman Oaks, and Hollywood.

Dr. Hovanesian earned his medical degree at the Yerevan State Medical Institute. After graduating from medical school, he decided to specialize in ophthalmology at the Helmholtz Eye Institute in Moscow. Dr. Hovanesian's thesis of dissertation was awarded the highest recognition prize established for young scientists in the former Soviet Union. Upon completion of his ophthalmology training, Dr. Hovanesian practiced as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Ophthalmology at the Yerevan State Medical Institute.

In 1990 Dr. Hovanesian relocated to the U.S. He was first a Research Associate at the Doheny Eye Institute at the University of Southern California, and then continued his research in the treatment of macular degeneration at the University of Chicago. The results of his research were published in the leading ophthalmology journals. His research work in the methods of RPE transplantation was awarded the 1st Prize by the Chicago Ophthalmological Society. His residency training in ophthalmology continued at the University of Chicago Hospitals, where he became the chief resident. Upon completion of residency, Dr. Hovanesian continued his training as a fellow in treatment of vitreo-retinal diseases at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Hovanesian is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, member of the American Society Retina Specialists and Armenian American Medical Society.



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"Your Health" host Dr. Vicken Sepilian currently serves as the 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.

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