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## **Understanding the Importance of Lung Cancer Screening**

Guests:

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Armonde Baghdanian received his MD degree from Jefferson Medical School in 2012 graduating with Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society Honors. He completed his Radiology Residency at Boston University Medical Center where he received the Residency Research Award. He completed his Radiology fellowship in Abdominal Imaging and Interventions at the University of California, San Francisco. He was asked to join UCSF as an assistant professor of Radiology which he served for one year. After one year, he joined the University of Southern California Department of Radiology as faculty, where he currently practices diagnostic and body interventional radiology and also teaches medical students, residents, and fellows that attend USC. He is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology by the American Board of Radiology. He is currently the Radiology representative on the USC Cancer Committee that oversees cancer related clinical care for patients at the University and County hospitals. He is the director of Abdominal CT Imaging at USC LA County Hospital where he oversees both diagnostic and interventional procedures. Dr. Baghdanian has numerous peer reviewed scientific publications and presentations at conferences both nationally and internationally.



Dr. Arthur Baghdanian specializes in diagnostic and interventional radiology. He received his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University where he was inducted into the AOA medical honor society. He completed his Radiology residency at Boston University where he was awarded the resident researcher of the year by the Radiology Society of North America. Dr. Baghdanian was later awarded the Roentgen Ray Award for outstanding radiological research for both imaging and intervention in the acute care setting. He has had multiple peer reviewed publications as well as invited presentations at both the national and international meetings. Dr. Baghdanian went on to the University of California San Francisco where he completed subspecialty training in Abdominal Imaging and Intervention with a focus on the imaging and intervention of various abdominopelvic malignancies. After his fellowship year he was taken on as faculty at UCSF as an assistant professor. At this time he became the section leader in MRI imaging of pancreatic and renal transplantations. He also continued his role as an educator, teaching radiology anatomy at the UCSF Medical School as well as teaching radiology fellows non-invasive image guided interventional therapies. After a year at UCSF, Dr. Baghdanian was recruited to work at the University of Southern California as an Assistant Professor of Radiology. He is now the clerkship coordinator for the third year medical student clerkship in radiology and is excited to continue his research and role as educator in Southern California.

Cristin Malekyan is a Master of Public Health candidate concentrating in Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the USC Keck School of Medicine. As a bilingual speaker, she is dedicated to serving the Armenian community by currently working as a Clinical Research Coordinator at the Radiology Department of the Keck Medicine of USC. With the focus of her Master's project in lung cancer screenings, she is eager to help raise awareness within the community. Additionally, with over one and a half year of experience working on a number of projects at the Ministry of Health of Republic of Armenia, she hopes to continue her contributions as she advances in her field of expertise and keeps close ties with her homeland.



"Your Health" host Dr. Vicken Sepilian 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 and his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Texas. While at the University of Texas, Dr. Sepilian received a Master of Science degree in Reproductive Medicine studying the impact of nutrition on reproductive health. Dr. Sepilian is the founder and medical director of American Fertility Specialists Medical Group and practices in Los Angeles and Glendale. Dr. Sepilian is the former President of the Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS). In 2008, he launched the AAMS "Your Health" Community Education Program that continues to air live on TV making house calls to countless Armenian households. In 2010, Dr. Sepilian was instrumental in launching the inaugural Glendale Health Festival and served as the Chairman of the organizing committee for the first two years. In 2012, Dr. Sepilian presided over a collaborative effort with colleagues in Canada of the ACMAO to train, staff and equip the Women's Health Clinic in Stepanakert, Artsakh. This collaborative effort by the AAMS, ACMAO, and the Ministry of Health of Karabagh continues to operate and provide preventative and essential health care to women free of charge. In 2013, as president of the AAMS, Dr. Sepilian Chaired the 11th Armenian Medical World Congress, a quadrennial international multispecialty conference that was very well attended and was one of the most successful ones to date. Dr. Sepilian currently serves on the Continuing Medical Education Committee, focusing his efforts on enhancing the experience for members.

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 bilingual 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.