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The Latest on COVID-19, an interview with Los Angeles County Department of Health Supervisor Garin Ohannessian, RN, MSN, PHNS

Garin Ohannessian is a Public Health Nursing Supervisor in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for the Community and Field Services Division Service Planning Area 2 in West Valley District. She has received her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix with specialization in Education and Nursing Informatics. She has also received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern California. She has worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for over 20 years. She oversees communicable diseases to prevent outbreaks of diseases. Garin is also a member of the Speaker's Bureau. In this duty, she speaks to the community and local agencies on any Public Health Emergency and various topics to educate the public. Garin believes in the LA County Department of Public Health mission to protect health, prevent disease, and promote health and well-being. She has also been a committee member of the Glendale Health Festival for 10 years. Garin is also a member of the Armenian American Medical Society and Armenian American Nurses Association.

"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. Dr. Sepilian currently serves on the AAMS' Executive Committee.

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.