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Interview with Ara Airapetian, MD

Medical Director, Comprehensive Community Health Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers

Ara Airapetian, MD is practicing in Family Medicine at Comprehensive Community Health Centers for 16 years. Comprehensive Community Health Centers (CCHC) are Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and provide healthcare services at 5 practice locations throughout LA County, mainly in Glendale, N. Hollywood, Eagle Rock, Highland Park and Sunland. Since 2015 Dr. Airapetian is the Medical Director at CCHC. With his dedicated work with patients at CCHC, Dr. Airapetian emphasizes the importance of preventive care and focuses on how people can maintain a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Ara Airapetian graduated from Yerevan State Medical University with a degree of Medical Doctor in Internal Medicine in 1981. He dedicated his vast medical knowledge and experience to patient care for many years in Armenia. Along with patient care, Dr. Airapetian had been also actively involved in scientific research in medicine for many years and was an author of multiple publications of research articles in various medical journals and periodicals both in Armenia and Russia. After moving to United States, Dr. Airapetian had successfully completed his Residency training at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and obtained his Doctor of Medicine license in CA in 2004. Dr. Airapetian is active Member of American Academy of Family Physicians, Armenian American Medical Society, etc. He is currently the Chairman of both Quality Improvement Committee and Credentialing Committee and member of different other Committees at CCHC. Dr. Ara Airapetian has hospital privileges and is a member of medical staff at both Adventist Health-Glendale and Glendale Memorial Health Centers.

Dr. Vicken Sepilian is a Reproductive Medicine specialist and is the founder and director of American Fertility Specialists Medical Group. He is double board-certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, as well as Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Sepilian has been an active member of the Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS) holding multiple leadership positions, including serving as the President from 2009 to 2013. Dr. Sepilian served as the Chairman of the 11th Armenian Medical World Congress and currently is the President of the Armenian Medical International Congress (AMIC), a nonprofit organization with chapters all over the world, with the aim of coordinating global efforts in

improving healthcare in Armenia. Passionate about community education, in 2008, Dr. Sepilian launched the "Your Health" educational TV program aimed at sharing with the community the latest and most important healthcare topics. Since 2008, the show has been making house calls to tens of thousands of viewers helping educate them on preventative care and healthy lifestyles. In 2010, Dr. Sepilian, alongside other civic leaders and the former Mayor of the City of Glendale co-founded the Glendale Health Festival. Dr. Sepilian worked closely with city and state officials and local hospitals to organize this large-scale event with the aim to improve the health of the community. Dr. Sepilian is a strong believer that success and wealth are measured by life's experiences and human interactions and that true happiness and purpose are achieved by giving. Cherished memories include debates about life and death with Dr. Jack Kevorkian, delivering pens to students in villages in Sri Lanka and teaching chess to orphans in Nepal.