

What We Know About COVID Vaccines

Interview with Alen Voskanian, MD, MBA, FAAHPM, AAHIVS Medical Director, Cedars-Sinai Medical Group, CSMG

Alen Voskanian MD, MBA, FAAHPM, AAHIVS is the Medical Director for Cedars-Sinai Medical Group (CSMG). He is board certified in Hospice and Palliative medicine and Family Medicine and an HIV specialist certified by the American Academy of HIV Medicine. Dr. Voskanian provides oversight of clinical, administrative and educational activities within CSMG, and enjoys developing collaborative relationships and facilitating strong team performance. Dr. Voskanian is focused on optimizing the patient centered nature of the practice and creating an environment that supports efficiency and clinical best practices. He served as in innovation advisor for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Irvine Medical School. He completed his residency at UCLA, followed by a fellowship in HIV at AIDS Healthcare Foundation. He earned his Business of Medicine MBA from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. In recognition of his high scholastic achievement, he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in medical school, and Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society in business school. He is the recipient of Cunniff-Dixon/Hasting Center's physician award for excellence in end-of-life care, and a Fellow of the third class of the Health Innovators Fellowship and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

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.