



## AAMS News

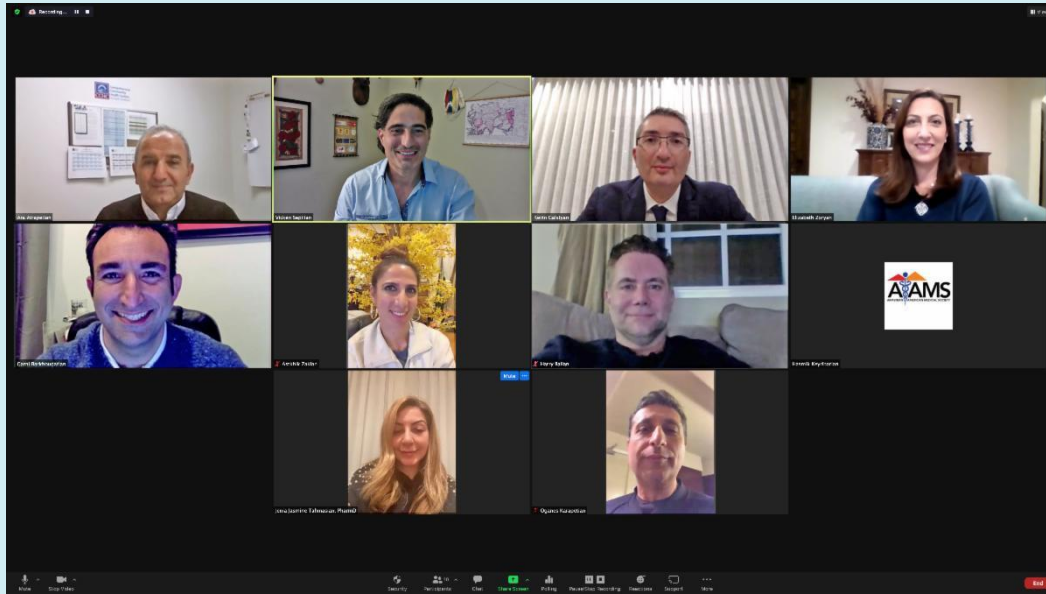


### **President's Message: Dr. Kevin Galstyan**

When I think back on 2020, I choose to see the glass half full. I can never forget the unprecedented turmoil and devastation that reached every corner of the world. Yet I will remember most, the deep compassion, generosity, and dedication to community and homeland displayed by our AAMS members.

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## 2021 General Assembly



The AAMS held its annual General Assembly on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. In a break with tradition, this year's meeting was held over Zoom — a necessity due to the pandemic. The AAMS is pleased to welcome our newly elected executive board members Ara Airapetian, MD, and Astkhik Zakian, PharmD. Board members Kevin Galstyan, MD, FACOG, and Garni Barkhoudarian, MD, FAANS, were up for re-election and retained their seats.

Dr. Galstyan will continue serving as the President. Rounding out the board are returning members Vicken Sepilian, MD, FACOG, Elizabeth Zoryan, RN, Jenia Jasmine Tahmasian, PharmD, Harry Balian, MD, FACC, FSCAI, and Oganek Karapetian, DDS. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our executive board members in continuing our mission!

Boris Bagdasarian, DO and Silva Karchikian, MD, deserve special recognition and gratitude for their many years of valuable service to the AAMS as board members.

## Meet the AAMS 2020 Scholarship Winners



The AAMS awards scholarships annually to qualified Armenian students enrolled in various healthcare education programs in the fields of medical, pharmacy, dental, physician assistant, nursing, or other professional healthcare schools. These scholarships support deserving students who not only strive to be excellent healthcare professionals but are also active community members.

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## A Look Back On 2020

### AAMS COVID Relief Effort Spans the Globe



As the first signs of COVID-19 began creeping into Southern California early in the COVID-19 pandemic, the AAMS sprang into action, providing education and resources to our healthcare professionals and our local community.

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## AAMS Mounts Relief Effort for Artsakh War Victims

At the start of the Artsakh War, AAMS members came together to support the needs of the wounded and displaced, working to fund the purchase of supplies medication, and equipment to ensure they received the best care.

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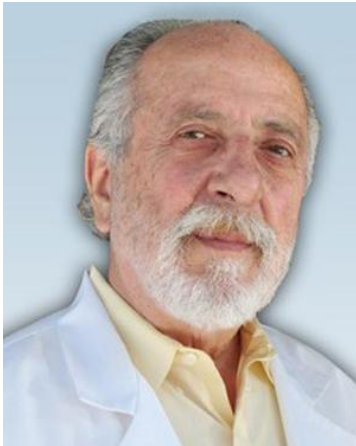
## Check Out Our 2020 Valentine's Celebration and Photo Gallery!

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## Member News

Remembering Dr. Janoian and Dr. Nersissian



The AAMS pays tribute to two long-time members, Noobar Janoian, MD, and Beno Nersissian, MD, who were well known in Glendale's medical community, where they practiced for decades. The AAMS is grateful for their contributions to our organization and our community.

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## Meet our New 2020 AAMS Members!



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## AAMS Members Honored as Women Achievers

AAMS board member Jenia Tahmasian, PharmD and member Tagui Tina Sarkisyan, RN, MSN, WHNP were honored with the Business Life Women Achievers Leadership Award this past November. Jenia is a pharmacist and owner of Glendale Urgent Care Pharmacy, while Tina is president of the Armenian American Nurses Association and founder and program director of Simple Steps Fertility. They were honored for their contributions to the community and the significant impact they have made. Congratulations!



## For Our Members

### Office Spaces are Available!

Office space available on W. Glenoaks Boulevard in Glendale. Please contact Dr. Edwin Babadjanian at **818.468.5186** for more information. You can also email him [here](#).

Dr. Ara Keshishian has office space available in Pasadena. Please contact Dr. Keshishian at **818.812.7222** for more information. You can also email him [here](#).

### Job Opportunities

#### Neurology Practice Opening

Glendale-based neurology practice has an opening for a Doctor of Psychology. To learn more about this opening, please

#### Oncologist/Hematologist Needed

Los Angeles Cancer Network is looking for a BE/BC Armenian Speaking Hematologist Oncologist to join their

contact Dr. Armen Cherek at **818.326.2809** or email him [here](#).

Oncology Practice. For more information or to apply, please send your CV to: [Eric Jackson](#).

## Interested in Selling Your Practice?

The thought of selling your medical practice can be daunting. Where do you start? Who do you turn to? If you are considering selling your practice, Comprehensive Community Health Centers (CCHC) is here to help you navigate the process. We can give you guidance to make the right decision with piece of mind.

Please call us at **818.630.6101** or email at [opportunities@cchccenters.org](mailto:opportunities@cchccenters.org).

### **A Call To Action: Join Dr. Harma Turbendian On A Medical Mission To Yerevan**

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#### **Mission to Improve Cardiac Care in Armenia**

This is the initial trip for a multifaceted project that aims to improve electronic medical record-keeping, create a cardiac database/registry, establish prenatal/postnatal/adolescent/adult cardiac screening programs, provide outreach outside of Yerevan (including portable echocardiography), and educate (within the medical center and beyond.) The project is supported by the Thoracic Surgery Foundation / Edwards Lifesciences Every Heartbeat Matters Award and is being conducted in partnership with Nork Marash Medical Center in Yerevan.

Participants are responsible for travel costs. Anticipated travel is between March 12 to March 21, 2021. The project is open, but not limited to all pediatric and adult cardiology and cardiac surgery-related practitioners (cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, fellows, intensivists, anesthesiologists, nurses, perfusionists, sonographers, etc) as well as public health specialists. Please contact with any questions and for further details.

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## Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date
Annual Offsite CME/CDE	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	Sept 24-26, 2021
AAMS' 35th Anniversary Celebration	Sheraton Hotel, Universal City	November 20, 2021
Armenian Medical World Congress (AMWC)	Virtual	Fall of 2021
Armenian Medical World Congress (AMWC)	Armenia	2024
Armenian Medical World Congress (AMWC)	Moscow, Russia	2025

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