

HUNTINGTON MEDICAL FOUNDATION



Michelle D. Abajian, M.D.

SPECIALTY

Pediatrics

JOINED HMF

2010

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Internship/Residency
Department of Pediatrics
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
M.D., Keck School of Medicine
University of Southern California

B.A., Biology and
Spanish Language & Culture
Occidental College
Cum Laude

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining HMF, Dr. Abajian worked in several medical environments. In fact, she was the “Saturday doctor” at HMF’s Arcadia office for two and a half years.

“I’m looking forward to spending the rest of my career at Descanso Pediatrics,” she says.

She has worked at Harbor-UCLA in the emergency room and as a hospitalist. In addition, Dr. Abajian has worked at several local urgent care centers .

In 2005, she traveled to Yerevan, Armenia to spend a month as a “rotating resident” at the Saint Grigor Lusavorich Medical

Center. She worked with local doctors in the pediatric neurology and neonatology departments, and treated children in community pediatric clinics.

Dr. Abajian is a member of the Armenian Medical Society of America.

LANGUAGES

- Armenian
- Spanish

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Dr. Abajian knew at an early age that she wanted to become a pediatrician. “In fifth grade, we had to make posters of our top 10 goals in life. My #2 goal was to become a pediatrician. My #1 goal was to get married and have children.”

Like many of her young patients, she enjoys adventurous activities like bungee jumping, skydiving, white water rafting, mountain climbing, and hiking.

Dr. Abajian is active in the community and has served as a volunteer for the GenNext Mentorship Program for Armenian teenagers.

She and her husband live in Arcadia, but often head to the beach for bike rides. She relaxes by playing classical piano and learning to cook Armenian dishes with her mother’s help.