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Degrees/certificates obtained:

- **Doctor of Medical Sciences (DSc)**, Oncology – Yerevan State Medical University (2020)
- **PhD**, Oncology – Yerevan State Medical University (2016)
- **MSc**, Advanced Oncology – University of Ulm, Germany (2015)
- **MD**, Yerevan State Medical University (2010)

Fellowships:

- **Postdoctoral Fellow** in Leukemia, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (2014 – 2015)
- **Medical Research Fellow**, European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (2014)
- **Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellow,** St. Anna Children's Hospital, Vienna (2013 – 2014)
- **Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellow,** China Medical University (2012)

Executive & Global Health Training (selected):

- Global Health Diplomacy Executive Program – University of Toronto (2020 – 2021)
- Global Health Delivery Intensive Course – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (2019)
- High-Impact Cancer Research – Executive Program – Harvard Medical School (2018 – 2019)

Knowledge of languages		Mother tongue	Speak	Read	Write
For languages other than mother tongue, enter the appropriate number from the code below to indicate the level of your language knowledge. If no knowledge, please leave blank. CODE: 1. Limited conversation, reading of newspapers, routine correspondence. 2. Engage freely in discussions, read and write more difficult material 3. Fluent (nearly) as in mother tongue	Arabic				
	Chinese				
	English		3	3	3
	French				
	Spanish				
	Russian		3	3	3
	Others (please specify)				
	Armenian	3	3	3	3

Positions held:

Leadership and Executive Roles:

- **President**, International Society of Pediatric Oncology – Asia Continental Branch (SIOP Asia) (2024 – present)
- **President**, Pediatric Oncology East & Mediterranean (POEM) Group (2024 – present)
- **Co-Chair**, St. Jude Global Alliance Regional Advisory Committee – WHO European Region (2025 – present)
- **President of the Board**, Institute of Cancer and Crisis (2022 – present)
- **Editor-in-Chief and Co-Founder**, OncoDaily (2023 – present)
- **CEO**, Immune Oncology Research Institute (2022 – present)
- **President**, P53 Inc. (2023 – present)
- **Chairman**, Department of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology, Yerevan State Medical University (2019 – present)
- **Head**, Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Armenia, Yeolyan Hematology and Oncology Center (2019 – 2024)
- **Adviser in Oncology**, Ministry of Health of Armenia (2018 – 2019)
- **Adviser to the Rector**, Yerevan State Medical University (2017 – present)

Academic, Clinical & Teaching Roles:

- **Professor**, Department of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology, Yerevan State Medical University (2021 – present)
- **Pediatric Hematologist / Oncologist**, Yeolyan Hematology and Oncology Center (2019 – 2024)
- **Associate Professor**, Department of Oncology, Yerevan State Medical University (2018 – 2019)
- **Preceptor**, School of Public Health, American University of Armenia (2016 – present)
- **Visiting Scientist**, Global Health Initiative, Dana-Farber / Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center (2015)

Earlier clinical training and professional experience include hematology residency, pediatric oncology fellowships, compulsory military medical service, early pharmacy practice through night-shift work, medical expert experience within the health insurance sector, and coordination of public health and educational projects during medical training.

Global Health & Systems Impact (Selected):

- Founded, built, and scaled **one of the largest global oncology information and communication platforms - OncoDaily**, democratizing access to evidence-based cancer knowledge, amplifying diverse stakeholder voices, and strengthening transparency and global dialogue across the oncology ecosystem
- Led national transformation of pediatric cancer services in Armenia, contributing to survival rates approaching **80%**
- Governed regional oncology networks across the **East & Mediterranean region, Asia, and Europe**
- Advised Ministries of Health on oncology policy, access to essential medicines, and service organization
- Designed and led multilateral platforms integrating academia, civil society, industry, and governments
- Active contributor to global agenda-setting through leadership roles in international health organizations and professional societies

Honors, Awards & International Recognition (Selected):

- Latin American and Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology **(SLACOM) 2026 Award for Global Oncology Leadership**
- **Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (FASCO)** (2025)
- **UICC Young Leader**, World Cancer Leaders' Summit (2016)
- **ASCO Leadership Development Program** (2022)
- **"40 Under 40 in Cancer" Award** (Chicago, USA, 2022)
- **50 for 50 Fellow**, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) (2016)
- **LIFe Award**, Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO (2014)
- **IDEA Award**, Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO (2013)

Professional Affiliations & Multilateral Leadership (Selected):

- **President (former)**, Harvard Club of Armenia
- **Chair (former),** IDEA Working Group, American Society of Clinical Oncology
- **Founder**, OncoCorridor
- **Advisory Board Member**, UICC Emergency Solidarity Fund (2022–2023)
- **Co-Founder**, **Board Member**, City of Smile Charitable Foundation

- **Co-Founder**, Armenian Association of Hematology and Oncology
- **Creator and host,** *World Health Voices with Dr. Tamamyan* – policy-focused podcast

Publications (Selected):

1. Papyan R, Hoveyan J, Guscott M, et al. The Price of Survival: Global Inequities in Anti-GD2 Immunotherapy for Neuroblastoma. **Pediatric Blood and Cancer**. 2025
2. Casolino R, Sullivan R, Jobanputra K, et al. Integrating cancer into crisis: a global vision for action from WHO and partners. **Lancet Oncology**. 2025
3. Sargsyan A, *Tamamyan G*, Oganisian A, et al. Nationwide Insights on Immunotherapy in a Low- and Middle-Income Country: Armenia's Struggle for Equitable Cancer Care in an Out-of-Pocket System. **JCO Global Oncology**. 2025
4. Ghebreyesus TA, Mired D, Sullivan R, et al. A manifesto on improving cancer care in conflict-impacted populations. **Lancet.** 2024
5. Gale RP, Muradyan A, Danelyan S, Manukyan N, Babak MV, Arakelyan S, *Tamamyan G*, Arakelyan J. The humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh. **Lancet**. 2023
6. Bedirian K, Aghabekyan T, Mesrobian A, et al. Overview of Cancer Control in Armenia and Policy Implications. **Frontiers in Oncology,** 2022
7. Kazaryan AM, Edwin B, Darzi A, *Tamamyan GN*, et al; Doctors Against The War collaborators. War in the time of COVID-19: humanitarian catastrophe in Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia. **Lancet Glob Health.** 2021
8. Bardakhchyan S, Mkhitaryan S, Zohrabyan D, et al. Treatment and Outcomes of Colorectal Cancer in Armenia: A Real-World Experience From a Developing Country. **JCO Global Oncology**. 2020
9. Mired D, Johnson S, *Tamamyan G*. Cancer disparities in war-torn and post-war regions. **Nature Reviews Cancer**. 2020
10. *Tamamyan GN,* Kantarjian HM, Ning J, et al. Malignancy-associated hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis in adults: Relation to hemophagocytosis, characteristics, and outcomes. **Cancer**. 2016

Hobbies, sports, skills and any other relevant facts that might help in the evaluation of your application.

My deepest passion is improving the lives of others and creating meaningful change; I find joy in designing systems and empowering the people around me; I love reading and writing; I am a devoted husband to my wife Lilya, an ophthalmologist, and a proud father to our two daughters, Charlize and Letizia.

To The Chair of the Executive Board
c/o World Health Organization – Office
of the Legal Counsel
20, Avenue Appia
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland
7 August 2026

Your Excellency, Chair of the WHO Executive Board,

It is a great honor for me to confirm my application for the role of the Director-General of the World Health Organization with a firm belief and determination to help make the world a healthier place.

While I am writing this statement, AI tools on my computer are suggesting edits to my statement, but at the same time, in different parts of the world people don't have access to basic water and sanitation. Children with cancer, who otherwise would have an 85% chance of being cured, are not even getting diagnosed. These are not failures of science — they are failures of access, equity, and delivery.

From my early childhood, one phrase stayed with me: **"recommended by WHO."** It was a synonym of trust for generations. Today, in a world of misinformation and eroding confidence in institutions, **we must ensure that the world continues to have WHO**—stronger, more agile, and better aligned with today's realities to deliver meaningful and lasting impact.

My vision is clear: a World Health Organization that delivers—faster, more effectively, and in true partnership with Member States—so that progress in health reaches every person, everywhere.

I come from a small country affected by wars and struggles. I witnessed human suffering firsthand as a frontline clinician and did my best to alleviate it. I studied and worked across continents, learned from the best minds, and returned to serve my community. Over time, I built institutions, gained experience and networks, and learned through both failure and success—preparing me for this responsibility.

My experience reflects the full range of competencies required for this role, which I outline below.

1) Strong technical background in a health field, including experience in public health.

My career spans multiple dimensions of healthcare—from frontline clinical work and research to academic leadership, health systems development, and global health collaboration.

Under my leadership, the Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Armenia became a regional leader, with survival rates approaching 80%.

I co-founded P53, home of OncoDaily, now one of the world's largest oncology communication platforms, reaching millions globally.

I have studied and worked in seven countries across Asia, Europe, and North America, gaining practical understanding of diverse health systems and the complexities of global health leadership.

2) Exposure to and extensive experience in international health.

I currently serve as President of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology Asia Continental Branch (SIOP Asia), representing pediatric oncology professionals across Asia and the Pediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean (POEM) Group, uniting professionals across 28 countries and 110 centers, and as Co-Chair of the St. Jude European Regional Advisory Committee, covering 13 countries.

From earliest stages of my career, global health has been at the core of my work. I believe in collaboration, equity, and respect for national sovereignty. Medicine and science have no borders—and only through partnerships can we address today's global health challenges.

3) Demonstrable leadership skills and experience.

Leadership, for me, is about getting things done and empowering others to lead. It is about identifying the right people, supporting them, and holding them accountable to drive real impact.

At the age of 31, I led the consolidation of pediatric oncology services in Armenia, uniting longstanding fragmented systems into one comprehensive national center and building a new generation of specialists who now contribute locally and globally.

As CEO of the Immune Oncology Research Institute, I helped expand clinical research capacity in Armenia, multiplying clinical trials and fostering multidisciplinary collaboration that improved clinical decision-making.

I also co-founded OncoDaily, which grew from a small initiative into a global platform amplifying evidence-based knowledge and diverse voices in oncology. We are now expanding this model across multiple fields of medicine.

In every role, my focus has been simple: build strong teams, empower them, and deliver results.

At WHO, less than 1% of staff are under 30. This should change. We need to bring talented young professionals, empower them, and integrate them into leadership—alongside experienced experts.

4) Excellent communication and advocacy skills

I learned early on that leadership begins with listening. Colleagues often say I am the person

people call first when they need to be heard.

WHO does extraordinary work, often unseen. When impact is invisible, trust cannot grow. We must communicate clearly, truthfully, and consistently. When WHO evacuates tens of thousands of people from conflict zones, or vaccinates against polio under bombardment, and the world does not know about it, we fail both our people and our mission.

I started ONCODAILY, a global communication engine from zero, which has become a leading voice globally. I bring the skills and insight to translate the same experience to WHO. This is not about marketing; it is about demonstrating impact so clearly that no one can imagine a world without WHO.

5) Demonstrable competence in organizational management.

It's all about people. Empowering them, giving them freedom to dream big to create a better world, offering opportunities to develop themselves and those around them and holding them accountable.

I have led organizations across public, private, and non-profit sectors. In every single case, I owe my success to my teams, to the people around me. I was able to unite the people, to empower the existing talent and to bring new ones, the best ones, and together we were able to generate and execute the best strategies and to achieve our set goals, making sure that things get done!

6) Sensitivity to cultural, social and political differences.

My guiding principles are rooted in the belief that all people are born equal and free, united by a shared humanity. Our differences are not barriers, but strengths that enrich our societies and make the world a better place.

In every country where I have worked and collaborated, I have learned from local cultures and developed a deep appreciation for the diversity that shapes our global community.

Today, the world is marked by deep divisions, we should become the ones who unite. There I see the role of WHO.

7) Strong commitment to the mission and objectives of WHO.

I am a firm believer in WHO and I am confident that together we will deliver meaningful results. WHO has a strong strategic foundation—now we should strengthen execution and delivery. This requires focused priorities, execution discipline, strong partnerships, and radical transparency.

From infectious diseases to noncommunicable conditions, from malaria and dengue to cancer and cardiovascular diseases, the challenge is not knowledge—it is delivery, access, and equity.

Geography should not decide lives.

A young woman should not die of breast cancer in a developing country, because it was not detected early due to lack of screening. A father of a family shouldn't die of a heart attack, because his hypertension didn't get diagnosed and treated early and properly. A family shouldn't have to sell their house and go bankrupt, in order to buy novel life-saving medications for their loved ones - there is no such thing as a "miracle" drug without access.

This must change.

8) Good health condition required of all staff members of the Organization.

I am in good health and fully committed to serving WHO.

9) Sufficient skill in at least one of the official working languages of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly.

I am fluent in English and Russian.

Please state your vision of priorities and strategies for the World Health Organization.

The World Must Have WHO

WHO has extraordinary people working under immense pressure. My first responsibility will be to empower them—making WHO the best place to work, attracting the best global talent, and aligning responsibility with accountability.

1. A Results-Oriented WHO Fit for the 21st Century

We will define clear priorities, assign responsibility, and measure outcomes.

What gets measured gets done. What gets delivered builds trust.

We will treat time, including staff time, as a critical and finite resource, just like funding. Success will be judged not by the number of documents we produce, but by the lives we improve.

2. A WHO Focused on What Only WHO Can Do

WHO cannot do everything—and should not try to.

Together with Member States, we will focus on a limited number of flagship priorities, selected transparently, where measurable global impact can be achieved. These flagship outcomes will

concentrate political attention and resources, while preserving WHO's essential normative and technical functions.

3. WHO as an Orchestrator of Global Action

WHO should lead, not compete.

Its unique strengths—global legitimacy, normative authority, convening power, and crisis neutrality—position it to orchestrate global action across governments, institutions, and partners.

We will build structured partnerships that maximize impact—avoiding fragmentation while ensuring inclusion. We will turn "working with all stakeholders" into a system that truly delivers. This will include a structured, tier-based partnership model—linking a small number of accountable implementation partners, a broader network of normative and advocacy partners, and an open civil society platform—each with clear roles, responsibilities, and measurable outcomes.

We will be inclusive, but also disciplined—and not afraid to say no when impact or equity are compromised.

4. Empowering Countries and Health Workers

At the centre of every health system are patients, together with the doctors, nurses, community health workers, researchers, and public health professionals who serve them. WHO must support and empower these people who carry the real responsibility for protecting health around the world.

We will strengthen WHO's country presence as a force multiplier—supporting national systems, not replacing them, and enabling faster, locally grounded delivery.

5. Delivering on Commitments

WHO resolutions should result in change around the world—not merely exist on paper. We will ensure that priorities are clearly defined, resourced, assigned, and measured.

Unfunded mandates weaken execution. Unimplemented resolutions weaken trust.

6. Built for Action

WHO must function as a living organization, not a bureaucratic system.

We will:

- align authority with responsibility
- empower technical leaders
- reduce unnecessary processes

- accelerate decision-making

This is not about structure—it is about impact.

7. A Merit-Based, Future-Ready WHO

We will build a culture where excellence is recognized, performance is addressed, and talent is strengthened.

We will also bring a new generation into leadership.

Today, there are outstanding young global health leaders who are already leading institutions, programs, and movements at scale. They should not be asked to wait for their biological age to become “acceptable” or “ready” for leadership roles at WHO.

Youth at WHO will not be treated only as future leaders. They will be recognized as leaders of today — accountable for results, contributing immediately, and shaping the organization’s direction.

8. Making Impact Visible

WHO must remain the most trusted partner in global health.

Trust will be built through transparency, accountability, and clarity of impact.

We will communicate openly and consistently—ensuring that the world understands when lives are saved, systems are strengthened, and progress is made.

If impact is invisible, trust cannot grow.

9. Persistence and Leadership

As a pediatric oncologist, I learned that we must always do our best—even when success is uncertain.

When lives are at risk, we cannot remain passive. When our voice can make a difference, we should use it. And when we know we are working for the right mission, we must be persistent.

This persistence will define my leadership.

My leadership promise is to empower WHO’s people, restore trust through delivery, and ensure that WHO remains the world’s most trusted partner in health.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Gevorg Tamamyan