

# Commission on Syria

Health in Conflict



## Ahmad Tarakji

Dr. Ahmad Tarakji is the President of the Syrian American Medical Society, a non-profit, non-political professional and medical relief organization that provides assistance to Syrians in need and represents thousands of Syrian American medical professionals in the United States. SAMS has more than 1700 medical professionals who operate 110 medical facilities in Syria and the region. In 2015, SAMS treated more than 2.6 million Syrians.

He is a cardio-thoracic surgeon in California, and a former clinical assistant professor at Stanford University. At SAMS, Dr. Tarakji spearheads and participates in numerous initiatives, including providing trauma and critical care courses for Syrian physicians and nurses, overseeing SAMS's advocacy work, chairing the two previous SAMS International Conferences in Turkey, the International Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and the most recent National Conference in Boston.

Dr. Tarakji leads SAMS partnerships with UN agencies and NGOs to expand the Whole of Syria (WoS) humanitarian response plan and efforts to address medical emergencies and protection of civilians in Syria. Dr. Tarakji also leads SAMS partnerships with Universities in the U.S. and Europe to establish education, relief, and post-crisis rebuilding programs for Syria.