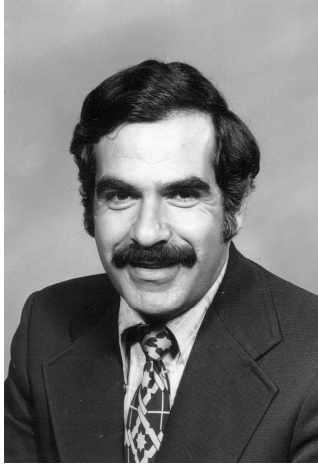


## Memorial Hall of Fame

Established in 1981, the Memorial Hall of Fame serves as a posthumous tribute to a creative and devoted physician, research scientist, or other individual who has been an active member of the AIUM and contributed to the field of ultrasound in medicine.

### Alex A. Bezjian, MD, FAIUM



The obstetric and gynecologic (OB-GYN) ultrasound field was still in its infancy when Alex A. Bezjian, MD, FAIUM, entered the field in 1967 after earning his doctorate from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. Dr Bezjian then completed his residency and fellowship from the University of Miami's OB-GYN Jackson Memorial Hospital (1967–1971) and continued working in Florida throughout his career.

Dr Bezjian began his career as an OB-GYN attending physician at Broward General Hospital (1971–1981), an attending physician in the Department of Radiology at Jackson Memorial Hospital (1971–1985), and an OB-GYN attending physician at the University of Miami's Diagnostic Clinic (1971–1986) and Jackson Memorial Hospital (1971–1986), as well as director of the OB-GYN residency at Broward General Hospital (1971–1974) and director of OB-GYN ultrasound at the University of Miami (1971–1980), which was in ultrasound's early days when many people were still skeptical of its use. Dr Bezjian was a firm believer in the effectiveness and potential of ultrasound and taught his many students the importance of it in clinical practice, particularly the still mostly unheard-of use of ultrasound for amniocentesis.

During that time, he was also an assistant professor of radiology and OB-GYN (1971–1976) and then an associate professor of radiology (1977–1985) and OB-GYN (1976–1982) at the University of Miami Medical School. In 1982, Dr Bezjian became an OB-GYN professor (until 1986) and director of Family Planning and Outpatient Surgical Services at the University of Miami (1982–1986). Beginning in 1986, he also became an OB-GYN attending physician at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boca Raton and Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach, as well as went into private practice, ultimately with locations in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Miami Lakes, and South Miami.

Dr Bezjian continued contributing to the field of OB-GYN throughout his career by publishing articles, books, and chapters and being a very active speaker on the subject. In addition, he was a member of multiple professional organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the AIUM. Dr Bezjian also became a leader in a few of them, such as president of the Miami Obstetrics and Gynecology Society (1988–1989). Within the AIUM, he was a member of the Constitution Committee and became president of the Section of OB-GYN Ultrasound (1986–1988).

Although he retired in 2000, Dr Bezjian had a great impact on the field of OB-GYN ultrasound and will be missed by many, especially by his wife Marianne; his children, Alex Jr. and Marisa; and his grandson, Alex III.

