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Irwin Savodnik is the Medical Director at NAS, an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UCLA, a member of the faculty at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in Los Angeles and a philosopher.

He earned his MD in 1972 from Upstate Medical Center at State University of New York in Syracuse. During this time, he was also pursuing his Ph.D. in philosophy, which he received with Honors in 1970 from New York University. Dr. Savodnik began his psychiatric training at the University of California Irvine's Orange County Medical Center, where he also started his Psychiatric Residency. He completed his residency in 1975 at Harvard University College of Medicine's Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1986, Dr. Savodnik earned his Ph.D. from the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute.

Dr. Savodnik began doing medical-legal evaluations in 1985 and launched NAS a few years later. Today NAS has 18 offices throughout California, employs 11 doctors and has completed thousands of reports.

But this was not the path Dr. Savodnik originally set off on. He began his medical career in the academy, serving as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and the Director of Medical Student Education at the University of Pittsburgh. He later opened a private practice in Torrance, CA. Throughout his career, Dr. Savodnik has remained committed to his passion for teaching, and he has taught and been on the faculty of many of the region's universities, including California State University of Fullerton.

He is married to Marlene Savodnik, Chief Operating Officer for NAS, has two children and two grandchildren. When he is not busy seeing patients, or teaching, Dr. Savodnik is a trained jazz pianist who can be heard performing around Los Angeles.



Established in 1986, Irwin Savodnik, M.D. & Medical Associates, Inc., also known as National Assessment Specialists, is a psychiatric medical group that provides expert medical-legal evaluations in workers' compensation, disability, personal injury, fitness for duty, pre-surgical approval, competency and neuropsychological testing.

