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Daniel Hommes is a medical specialist whose professional aims include the improvement of the quality of life of patients suffering from Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) through basic science, translational research and healthcare delivery innovations.

Daniel is a certified internist & gastroenterologist specialized in inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). After completing medical school at the University of Amsterdam, he spent many years working in the Academic Medical Center (Amsterdam) where he qualified as an internist (2000) and later as a gastroenterologist (2002). His PhD thesis (1994) dealt with novel drug targets for IBD, supervised by *prof dr Sander van Deventer* and *prof dr Guido Tytgat*. In 2001, he was appointed Head of the IBD department in the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam.

In 2006 he moved to Leiden, the Netherlands, to become Chair of the department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). In 2007 he was appointed full professor of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Leiden. He successfully reorganized the department, focusing on IBD, liver diseases (incl liver transplantation) and colorectal cancer. He established a clinical trial center as well as a basic research lab with 4 post-docs and 12 PhD students. In addition, he designed 'CuraRata' (www.curarata.com), a platform for personalized medicine successfully piloted in IBD patients and officially launched by the Dutch Minister of Health.

Nationally, Daniel was one of the founders of the Dutch Academic IBD Society ICC which he chaired from 2003 until 2007. Also, he initiated the Pearl String Initiative (PSI) in 2006, a national academic biobanking infrastructure between the eight Dutch University Medical Centers for eight disease areas, supported by a Dutch Government funding program.

Internationally, Daniel served since 2001 as primary investigator in numerous IBD programs and studies and was invited to act as both a consultant and member of advisory boards on many occasions for a wide variety of biomedical industry. He has authored well over 160 peer-reviewed papers and has lectured all around the globe. His interest and expertise in integrating biobanking into healthcare led to a number of consultancies in Europe and the US. In addition, he serves as reviewer and editor for medical journals. From 2004 to 2008 he chaired the Scientific Committee of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation ECCO, and from 2010 until 2012 he serves as ECCO's President.

