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Silvio Danese is a full professor of gastroenterology and director of the Residency Program of Gastroenterology at Vita-Salute San Raffaele University in Milan, Italy, and director of the Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Unit at Istituto Clinico San Raffaele in Milan.

His training began with the achievement of a cum laude degree in medicine in 1999 at the Catholic University School of Medicine in Rome, where he subsequently specialized in gastroenterology. At the same university, he obtained his PhD in metabolism in 2004. From 2002 to 2004, he was a research associate at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Clinically, Professor Danese focuses on inflammatory bowel diseases and is also an expert in the field of digestive endoscopy and general gastroenterology. His research includes the study of pathogenic mechanisms and the action of biological drugs in chronic inflammatory bowel diseases.

He is a member of several scientific societies, including the European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO) (past president), United European Gastroenterology (UEG) (current UEG president-elect), the International Organization for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IOIBD) (current secretary and chair of the clinical trial task force), the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), and the Societa' Italiana di Gastroenterologia (SIGE).

He is the author or co-author of more than 1000 publications in scientific journals and has served as editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Crohn's and Colitis* and as associate editor of *Gut*.



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Raja Atreya is a professor of translational immunology in inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) and head of the IBD Unit and Clinical Study Centre at the University Hospital Erlangen in Germany.

Professor Atreya received his initial and medical degrees, both summa cum laude, from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz Medical School in Mainz, Germany. He then worked as a physician at the University Medical Center in Mainz and subsequently participated in the postgraduate program on antigen-specific immunotherapy. In 2010, he was appointed as professor for IBD at the University Hospital Erlangen and was appointed to his current post in 2016.

Professor Atreya's research work focuses on the identification of response predictors (eg, molecular endoscopy) and resistance mechanisms to targeted therapies for IBD. He has received many awards in the course of his career, including the Theodor Frerichs Prize from the German Society for Internal Medicine, the Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize for Young Researchers from the Paul Ehrlich Foundation, and the Rising Star Award from United European Gastroenterology (UEG).

His work has also been widely published, with articles in peer-reviewed journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Nature Medicine*, *The Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, *Gastroenterology*, *Gut*, and *Journal of Crohn's and Colitis*.