

Prof. Yehuda Chowers

Professor Yehuda Chowers is the acting head the Gastroenterology Institute at Rambam Hospital and an associate professor in the Technion Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. Chowers' research interests are focused on understanding mechanisms of drugs used to treat inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) and the interaction of the mucosal immune system with bacteria and their relevance to pathogenesis during mucosal inflammation. He also investigates the pathogenesis and prevention of radiation-induced bowel injury.

His main clinical interests are chronic bowel diseases including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Prof. Chowers earned his M.D. and B.A. in Medicine from Ben-Gurion University, and conducted his postdoctoral fellowship in the Laboratory of Mucosal Immunology at the University of California at San Diego. He completed his gastroenterology training in the Chaim Sheba medical center, Tel hashomer.

Among the honors Prof. Chowers has received are the American Gastroenterology Association Advanced AGA Research Training Award and the Young Investigator Travel Award at the 8th International Mucosal Immunology Meeting. He is a two-time winner of Chaim Sheba Medical Center's Award for Excellence in Research.

Prof. Chowers is a member of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO), the American Gastroenterology Association, the Israel Gastroenterology Association, and the Israel Medical Association. He was the Israeli representative to ECCO and until recently he was a member of the ECCO Scientific Committee. He was the assigned representative of ECCO to the UEGF Scientific Committee. Prof Chowers is currently the chair of the Israeli IBD society. He was an associate editor for the *Journal of Crohn's and Colitis* and a member of the editorial board for *Gut*.