

## **Professor Abraham (Rami) Eliakim**

Dr. Abraham Eliakim is presently a professor of Medicine and head of the Gastroenterology Division in the Sheba Medical Center and Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Medicine. He was the chair of the Division of Medicine, and the Director of the Department of Gastroenterology at Rambam Medical Center. Prof. Eliakim's research focuses on the causes and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases, among them IBD, Celiac disease and Capsule Endoscopy.

Prof. Eliakim earned his medical degree at The Hebrew University (HU) of Jerusalem, and completed his residency in internal medicine, and subsequent fellowship in gastroenterology at HU's affiliated Hadassah University Hospital, eventually becoming acting director.

Israel Board-certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine (with honors), Prof. Eliakim was a research fellow in the late 1980s in the division of gastroenterology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo, where he later completed a sabbatical. He was also a visiting professor at New York City's Mount Sinai Hospital.

While at Hadassah, he was the director of the refresher course in medicine for foreign medical graduates, bedside and procedure training at various levels, and seminars and teaching rounds to interns, residents, and fellows (internal medicine, gastroenterology, family medicine, and new immigrants). Prof. Eliakim currently served as instructor and mentor to M.D. thesis students and basic research projects of fellows, at Hadassah Hospital and in the Technion Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. Eliakim serves on the advisory boards of several leading pharmaceutical companies, including Astra Zeneca, MSD and others. He is also a reviewer for and editorial board member of more than a dozen gastrointestinal and general medical journals. He was the chairman of the Board Examination Committee of Gastroenterology at the Israel Medical Association, and a member of several other committees. His membership in professional societies includes gastroenterological and medical associations in Israel, Europe and America. He was the president of the Israel Gastroenterological Association (IGA), chairman of its Inflammatory Bowel Disease Section, and chairman of the advanced technologies section.

Among Prof. Eliakim's many honors are the Best Presentation Award from the Rambam Medical Center's Third (2004) and Fourth (2007) Research Days; the Technion's David Ben-Aaron Prize for best applicative clinical research (2005); and the American College of Gastroenterology's Best Scientific Paper Award. He has received research grants for the study of gastroenterological disease and cancer, and grants to research the role of drugs in treatment of gastrointestinal and gastroenterological diseases.

Prof. Eliakim has authored and/or co-authored two books, contributed to chapters in others, and authored and/or co-authored over 260 peer-reviewed research papers. He has lectured at Israeli, European and American universities, and been a lead presenter and guest speaker at conferences worldwide. He organized for the European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO) workshop in Haifa, and is a member of ECCO's educational/guidelines committee and has served in the same capacity for other medical organizations since 1977. He is a pioneer in the field of capsule endoscopy and helped develop the esophageal and colonic capsules.

Since January 2011 he serves as the head of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel.

