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**Séverine Vermeire** obtained her MD degree at the KU Leuven in 1995 and a PhD at the same University in 2001. She further trained at the Universidad Nacional de Asuncion, Paraguay (1993), at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, University of Oxford (1997-1998) UK and at the Montreal General Hospital (McGill University) in Canada (2000–2001). Since 2003 she is staff member at the Gastroenterology Department of the University Hospitals Leuven and is appointed Full Professor of Medicine at the KU Leuven. She was Head of the Department of Chronic Diseases & Metabolism (CHROMETA) at the KU Leuven from 2016-2021. In 2021 she was appointed Research Director for the Group Biomedical Sciences at the KU Leuven.

Dr Vermeire is actively involved as principle investigator in RCTs with new therapeutic compounds and has been lead investigator on several of these programs. Her scientific work resulted in more than 600 peer-reviewed articles and focusses on the role of the microbiome and genetic susceptibility in IBD and on identifying prognostic and predictive signatures of treatment response. Dr Vermeire participated in the International iCHOM consortium on development of Patient-Centered Outcomes for Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

She was awarded several grants including an Advanced H2020-European Research Council (ERC) Grant (2016-2022). Séverine Vermeire was President of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) from 2014-2016 and of the Belgian IBD Research & Development (BIRD) Group from 2011-2013

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Marla C. Dubinsky, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY. Dr. Dubinsky received her medical degree from Queen's University, Canada. She completed her pediatric residency at Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, Canada, and her clinical fellowship in gastroenterology and nutrition at Sainte-Justine Hospital at the University of Montreal, Canada. She completed her research fellowship in IBD at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, where she served as the Director of the Pediatric IBD Center before going to Mount Sinai as the Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at the Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital and Co-Director of the Susan and Leonard Feinstein IBD Clinical Center. Dr. Dubinsky is also the Co-Director of the IBD Preconception and Pregnancy Planning Clinic at Mount Sinai. She is the Co-Founder of Mi-Test Health, and Cornerstones Health which is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and transforming communication between health care providers, patients, and industry partners through creative, comprehensive, and expert-based educational program. She is also the Co-Founder of Trelus Health, a condition management digital health company-leading with GI conditions. She is also a recipient of the 2022 Sherman Prize which is awarded to IBD researchers with extraordinary track records of achievement, making exceptional and pioneering contributions that transform IBD care and a recent recipient of the Jacobi Medallion at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Dubinsky has been engaged in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) clinical and translational research for over two decades. She has a keen interest in personalized medicine in IBD and her research uncovers predictors of rapid disease progression with the goal of preventing complications by altering treatment plans. Dr. Dubinsky is the principal investigator of multiple large longitudinal cohorts including the Road to Prevention Multiplex Family Program at Mount Sinai with over 700 enrolled participants with a goal of using multi-omic data to predict the development of IBD in unaffected family members and co-investigator of the Risk Stratification and Identification of Immunogenetic and Microbial Markers of Rapid Disease Progression in Children with Crohn's Disease (RISK) study and senior author on the manuscript presenting a model to predict the natural history of pediatric Crohn's disease. Dr. Dubinsky is very committed to women's reproductive health in IBD and in addition to her research in this field she is the Co-founder of WECARE in IBD, an organization dedicated to the health of women with IBD. She is very committed to leading the next generation of female leaders in the field of GI. She has lectured widely, both nationally and internationally, and has published in more than 350 peer-reviewed journals, including New England Journal of Medicine, Gastroenterology, Lancet, JAMA, The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, The Journal of Crohn's and Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, and the American Journal of Gastroenterology.