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Dr. Lewis has been actively involved in clinical research related to inflammatory bowel diseases, medication safety, and optimizing medical therapies for more than 20 years. More recently, he has focused on the impact of diet on the gut microbiome and the course of inflammatory bowel disease. His work has been funded by the NIH, AHRQ, PCORI, and numerous foundations and corporate sponsors. He is currently leading a nationwide clinical trial comparing the specific carbohydrate diet to a Mediterranean style diet for Crohn's disease.

Dr. Lewis is also working on methods to more efficiently document and share data collected in routine care for research while improving patient-physician engagement. Dr. Lewis previously served as the Chair of the National Scientific Advisory Committee and a member of the National Board of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. He is currently the lead scientist for the Foundation's IBD Plexus Research Collaborative and an Associate Editor for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases.

In 2016, Dr. Lewis was awarded the Sherman Prize for Excellence in Crohn's and Colitis for his exceptional and pioneering achievements.