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Dr. William Sandborn is a board-certified gastroenterologist and one of the world's top experts in the management of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He completed medical school and an internal medicine residency at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA, and a gastroenterology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, in 1993. From 1993 to 2010, he was on the faculty of the Mayo Clinic, rising to Professor of Medicine; Vice Chairman of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology; and Associate Dean of Research for Intellectual Property and Industry Relations.

In 2011 Dr. Sandborn became a tenured Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Surgery at the University of California San Diego and Director of the IBD Center, which unites the expertise of gastroenterologists, radiologists, nutritional health experts, surgeons and digestive disease physician-scientists to deliver comprehensive, innovative care. He is also Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology for the UC San Diego Health System; Vice Chair for Clinical Operations for the Department of Medicine; and a member of the UC San Diego Health Physicians Group Board (which oversees the clinical practice for the entire UC San Diego Health System).

Dr. Sandborn's research interests are clinical trials and clinical pharmacology related to inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). He is internationally recognized for his contributions in the fields of biotechnology therapy; clinical pharmacology; conduct of clinical trials, diagnosis and treatment of pouchitis; epidemiology and natural history; and endoscopic and radiographic imaging techniques. His clinical trials have been instrumental to developing modern treatments for IBD, and have set the standard for clinical care. He has led the development of novel medicines and helped to establish holistic care models that have improved patient care and outcomes. Dr. Sandborn is a sought-after clinician, and a mentor to colleagues and students who have gone on to run major IBD centers.

He has published more than 743 peer reviewed articles including articles in the New England Journal of Medicine, Nature, Lancet, JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine, and Gastroenterology. His h-index is 129. He is a member of the editorial board for the New England Journal of Medicine.

In 2019, Dr. Sandborn received the Sherman Prize for Excellence in Crohn's and Colitis.