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Grigorios is a Professor of Medicine and Consultant Gastroenterologist at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He is a member of the Farncombe Family Digestive Health Research Institute. He is a clinician, educator, clinical researcher, guideline methodologist, and epidemiologist.

He holds an MD from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, a PhD from Democritus University of Alexandroupolis, Greece, and an MSc in Health Research Methodology from McMaster University, Canada. Following clinical training in internal medicine and gastroenterology in Greece and the UK, he practiced in both countries before relocating to Canada in 2008.

Grigorios is passionate about well-designed, well-executed and ethical research, aspiring to improve patient care worldwide. His main research interests include *H. pylori* infection, non-variceal upper gastrointestinal bleeding, evolutionary medicine, and methodology of systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines.

He is recognized as a Fellow of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, and the American College of Gastroenterology.

He is Director of Cochrane Canada, Vice President for Clinical Affairs (including clinical practice guidelines) at the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, and Associate Editor for Methodology and Guidelines for the journal *Gastroenterology*. He is also an instructor for the International Guideline Development Credentialing & Certification Program (INGUIDE), having taught over 30 courses and trained more than 200 methodologists across six continents since 2021, while contributing to the program's curriculum development.

As a member of the GRADE Working Group, he participates in multiple methodology projects. He co-founded and co-leads the GRADE Working Group Planetary Health project, which pioneers the integration of planetary health considerations into the evidence-to-decision framework of healthcare guidelines. He has co-authored several peer-reviewed publications on guideline methodology. He has acted as co-chair and/or lead methodologist for several major guidelines, including the Canadian guidelines on pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments for post-COVID-19 condition and guidelines from the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, and the American College of Gastroenterology.