

# Curriculum Vitae for Prof. Adrian Săftoiu

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## EDUCATION

2003	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova, Romania
1995	Doctor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Craiova, Romania

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

2022-Present	Professor of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania
2022-Present	Professor of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Elias Emergency University Hospital Bucharest, Romania
2019-Present	Coordinator Gastroenterology Department, Ponderas Academic Hospital, Bucharest, Romania
2017-Present	Visiting Professor at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA
2012-Present	Visiting Clinical Professor, Copenhagen University Herlev Hospital, Denmark
2008-2022	Professor of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques in Gastroenterology, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova, Romania
2005-2022	Scientific Director of the Research Center of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Craiova, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova, Romania

## PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor Adrian Săftoiu, MD, PhD, MSc, FASGE, AGAF has long-standing expertise as a senior gastroenterologist, being the **Chief of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Elias Emergency University Hospital Bucharest, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania**. Following his graduation, Prof. Săftoiu specialized in internal medicine (2000) and gastroenterology (2002). As the **Scientific Director of the Research Center of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Craiova, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova, Romania**, he raised over 15 M€ in grants, with a consequent scientific production of over 300 articles indexed in Web of Science, with over 8000 citations.

Prof. Săftoiu has received intensive training in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, with emphasis on endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), in several centers, including **University Hospital Aarhus** and **Gentofte University Hospital, Denmark**. Short-term training in confocal endomicroscopy took place at **Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany**. Also, telemedicine training of 4 months took place at the **East-West Space Sciences Center, Computer and Space Sciences Building, University of Maryland at College Park, USA**. Professor Săftoiu had a **Visiting Professor** position at **MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Tx, USA** (2017), as well as a **Visiting Clinical Professor** position at the **Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Copenhagen University Hospital Herlev, Denmark** (2012).

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

Prof. Săftoiu published over 350 Web of Science articles, cited more than 10000 times (9545 citing articles without self-citations) in other journals (Clarivate Analytics - Web of Science accessed 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023), leading to a **Hirsch index (H-index) of 48**. According to Google Scholar, there are over 17 600 citations with an h-index of 63. Also, Dr. Săftoiu published 30 books and book chapters, including 10 international books and book chapters.

Prof. Săftoiu coordinated as director or scientific responsible 5 international and 15 national research grants, and he was a member in other 3 international and 18 national research grants won through competition, as well as 7 investigator-driven multicentric clinical trials. The most recent accomplishment involves securing a twinning research grant amounting to 1.5M€ within the HORIZON EUROPE framework (**HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03: Twinning**). This achievement was attained in collaboration with esteemed partners including the **University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila Bucharest - RO**, who serves as the coordinator, as well as **Copenhagen University Hospital Herlev - DK**, **Amsterdam University Medical Center - NL**, and **London University College - UK**.

Prof. Săftoiu's extensive involvement in the scientific community is highlighted by his memberships in various Romanian and international scientific societies. These include prominent positions on the **Executive Board of the European Federation of Societies of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB)** and the **World Federation of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB)** where he currently serves as **Chairman of the Publication Committee**, as well as affiliations with the **European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE)**. He holds the distinction of being a **Fellow of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (FASGE)** and the **American Gastroenterological Association (AGAF)**.

Experience as an evaluator is based on the "peer-review" activity in the following journals: Gastroenterology, Pancreatology, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Endoscopy, Journal of Pancreas, World Journal of Gastroenterology, European Journal of Ultrasound (Ultraschall in der Medizin), Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases, and Journal of Clinical Ultrasound, among others. His evaluation experience extends beyond journal review to encompass national research competitions, as well as assessment duties for esteemed bodies including E.C. FP7 projects, the Hong-Kong Research Grants Council, the Swiss National Science Foundation, and the Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment.

Prof. Săftoiu's dedication to advancing medical knowledge is evident through his roles as a valued member of the Editorial Board for esteemed publications such as Endoscopic Ultrasound Journal, Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases, and Medical Ultrasonography. His contributions extend to other indexed journals, where he serves in various capacities, including as Editor in Chief for Ultrasound International Open. Additionally, his editorial involvements span across journals such as Archives of the Medical Balkan Union and Current Health Sciences Journal.

Current research interests include the usage of artificial intelligence in diagnostic EUS (including elastography and contrast-enhanced examinations), hybrid fusion imaging techniques (including co-registered EUS-CT/MR, EUS-guided CLE, etc.), therapeutic EUS (including digestive anastomoses), natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery (NOTES and EUS-guided NOTES procedures), etc. The development of a multicentric clinical trial on pancreatic cancer organoids derived from EUS-guided fine needle biopsy material is the main research subproject of the **HORIZON-WIDERA-Twinning Grant**.

#### **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCES**

Prof. Săftoiu has extensive experience in project management, leadership, fundraising, and setting up effective collaboration and partnerships, with a large network within the Gastroenterology, Advanced Endoscopy, Endoscopic Ultrasound and Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy fields.