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Dr. Thaçi has been Professor and Head of the Comprehensive Center for Inflammation Medicine at the University of Lübeck, Lübeck, Germany, since 2013, having joined the University in 2011. Additionally, he chairs the Inflammatory Board at the University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Lübeck. Previously, he was on the faculty at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in the position of Associate Professor of Dermatology, Venereology, and Allergology. From 1997-2011, he was Senior Consulting Specialist in Dermatology, Director of Clinical Research, and Head of the Photodermatology Division.

Dr. Thaçi earned his medical degree in 1989 from the University of Pristina, Pristina, Kosovo. He remained in Pristina until 1992, specializing in dermatology and venereology, before accepting his faculty position at Goethe University. He became a board-certified dermatologist and venereologist in 1995.

His research activity encompasses basic research studies in immunology as well as all stages of clinical drug development. Chronic inflammatory skin diseases such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and hidradenitis suppurativa are particular areas of interest. Between 2002 and 2015, he was involved in more than 300 psoriasis trials and was lead investigator on several national and international multicenter trials. He is an active member of the Group for Research and Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis (GRAPPA) and the Skin Inflammation & Psoriasis International Network (SPIN); he participates on the International Psoriasis Council and the International Eczema Council. Dr. Thaçi has been a recipient of the Theodor Stern Foundation award for excellence in clinical research.

Through his many lectures, Dr. Thaçi expands understanding of the overlap of immunology and microbiology and explains the use of scoring systems in dermatology. His articles have been published in high-tier journals such as *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *Lancet*. He has been editor, co-editor, and editorial board member for several scientific journals and serves as a scientific reviewer for dermatology and general medicine journals. Dr. Thaçi has authored several book chapters in dermatology.