Faculty Bio



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Dr. Atri is an internationally renowned cognitive neurologist, neuroscientist, clinical researcher and educator in the fields of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Related Dementias (ADRD). He is the Director of the Banner Sun Health Research Institute, Sun City, AZ, and also serves on the faculty at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Harvard Medical School (HMS), Boston, MA, USA. He specializes in diagnostics, experimental therapeutics and care of individuals with cognitive disorders and dementia, particularly individuals with early-stage impairments and early-onset AD/ADRD.

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His research and education focus on early detection, risk reduction, experimental therapeutics, global impact, and best care practices in AD/ADRD. Dr. Atri serves as co-chair of the U.S. Alzheimer's Association national clinical practice guidelines workgroup on the evaluation of suspected cognitive impairment and AD/ADRD, and as chair of the Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) Medical Scientific Advisory Panel. He has delivered over 350 invited continuing education programs/symposia/lectures on cognitive aging and impairment, and AD/ADRD worldwide; presented over 200 papers at scientific conferences; and authored more than 70 medical and scientific papers. He is co-editor of Dementia: Comprehensive Principles and Practices, Oxford University Press, 2014