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Dr. Daniel Hommes is a physician-executive, scientist, and serial health innovator with over two decades of experience leading academic departments, clinical enterprises, and venture-backed companies. As Chief Innovation Officer at UT Southwestern, he is driving the creation of a new Innovation Hub, fusing entrepreneurial discovery with institutional transformation. His portfolio spans commercialization of biomedical discoveries, system innovation and the launch of startup ventures born from UTSW labs.

Previously, Dr. Hommes was the CEO of DEARhealth Inc., a UCLA spin-out applying AI to chronic care delivery, backed by Philips Ventures with operations in Los Angeles and Amsterdam. At UCLA, he served as Professor of Medicine, Director of the IBD Center, and Director of Quality Improvement, where he built award-winning, value-based digital technologies that transitioned into industry. He is a certified internist and gastroenterologist, formerly chairing the Department of Gastroenterology at LUMC and founding the Dutch Academic IBD Society and the €35M Pearl String biobanking initiative. Internationally, he has served as President of ECCO and authored more than 280 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Hommes earned his M.D. and Ph.D. in the Netherlands and has since trained and worked across the U.S. and Europe. Today, he is committed to positioning UT Southwestern as a national leader in biomedical innovation through faculty venture acceleration, translational infrastructure, and scalable models for health system transformation.

