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Athanasios was born in the town of Agrinio, Greece, in 1943 and spent his childhood in Patra and Ioannina. He graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens in 1967 and in 1974 finished his specialization in Pathology at the Therapeutic Unit of the “Alexandra” Hospital in Athens. During the same year he left for Glasgow, having won a state scholarship. He returned to Greece in 1978 with the Titles of PhD from the University of Athens, Philosophiae Doctorem from the University of Glasgow, a specialization in Nephrology and a Scottish wife.

Upon his return he was placed at the Renal Unit of the State Hospital “Agios Andreas” in Patras, where he still works as Head of the Department today. In 1986 he became Associate Professor at the University of Athens and in 1996 he graduated in Archaeology from the University of Ioannina. During the same year he went to London where he conducted research on the History of Medicine at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine. He was the president of the Medical Society of Southern Greece for seven years. He was President of the International Society for the History of Medicine and he is now its Past President. He is also President of the Greek Society for the History and Archaeology of Medicine and a member of the administrative councils of the International Association of the History of Nephrology, the Commission for the History of Nephrology and the International Society for the History of Nephrology.

He is the author of 16 books and 400 articles in Greek and international periodicals. He is interested mainly in bioethics, the history of water, the history of nephrology and its relation with modern clinical practice, and Byzantine Medicine. He is a reviewer for the London Times Literary Supplement and the periodical *Kidney International*. He has been appointed as President of the UNESCO – EOLS Committee for the History of Medicine. He has been lecturing as an invited speaker in ten countries over four continents. His main hobby in earlier years was sub aqua diving and during the last thirty years the saving and reuse of antique architectural fragments (spolia) in modern settings.