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Dr. Irem Hattat graduated from Istanbul Technical University Management Engineering Department in 1993. During her university studies, she gained important overseas work experiences in Deutsche Airbus (Bremen, Germany) and Bank Indosuez Aval (London, UK). Afterwards she also finished her Master's studies and got her MBA Degree from The University of Massachusetts, Amherst-USA in Business Administration and Behavioral Sciences in 1995.

From 1997 on, she has been working at Hattat Uro-Andrology Hospital as Managing Director, following her studies on Strategic Health Care Management at Hacettepe University, Ankara. Hattat Uro-Andrology Hospital, the first specialised private uro-andrology hospital in Turkey, was founded by her father Prof. Dr. Halim Hattat who has been working in the area of uro-andrology for over 30 years and who has initiated and contributed to the foundation of many institutions on sexual health, such as the Turkish Andrology Society and European School of Andrology. Under her father's presidency, Irem Hattat contributed to the organisation of international sexual medicine congresses in 1993, 1995, 1997 and 2001 in Istanbul and 2000 in Barcelona. Following in his footsteps as the co-founder of the European Sexual Dysfunction Alliance-ESDA, Irem Hattat founded the non-profit organisation 'The Family Health Association' to represent ESDA in Turkey. During the 2005 Congress of the European Society of Sexual Medicine in Copenhagen, her research won the first Prize for Best Clinical Research on Female Sexual Health. She has also presented her research on Sexual Dysfunction and the Role of Patient Organisations at many international congresses and meetings.

She is currently the president of European Sexual Health Alliance – ESHA. ESHA is an umbrella organisation for patient support groups across Europe to assist patients suffering from sexual dysfunction, to inform them about the solutions available as well as to provide awareness and understanding of the condition to their partners, media and other interested parties. ESHA's purpose is to help every couple affected by sexual dysfunction to communicate openly about their sexual concerns in order to find a solution that improves the patient's sexual function and the couple's quality of life.