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Thor Einar holds a position as professor and head of the football research program at the Oslo Sports Trauma Research Center, the Department of Sports Medicine at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. He has a master's degree in health administration & management from the University of Oslo. Thor Einar is a trained physiotherapist, a consultant specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, as well as an authorized Sports Medicine Physician by the Norwegian Society of Sports Medicine. His main research area is football injury epidemiology, football injury mechanisms and causes and football injury prevention. He has published more than 70 original peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. From November 2019 to February 2021 he was the Chief of Sports Medicine Department at Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, Doha, Qatar. Thor Einar is since January 2020 member of the FIFA Medical Scientific Advisory Board.

Thor Einar is the chief medical officer and member of the Medical Committee of The Football Association of Norway. He has served as team physician for the men's national A-team in football from 2002-2014. He is also medical director and consultant specialist at the Norwegian FA Medical Clinic. He was member of the board in the football club Nordstrand IF and director of football in the football department in Nordstrand IF from 2002-2019.

Thor Einar Andersen was awarded a UEFA Research Grant as researcher in the 7th cycle, 2016/17 for the project "The preventive effect of an adductor strengthening program on groin problems in Norwegian male football players: A cluster randomized controlled trial."

Thor Einar has a previous career as a professional football player and has won two national championships with IK Start in 1978 and 1980, and he has represented Norway's international youth teams in football at U- 15 to U-23 level.