



Biography John O'Dea

Dr O'Dea has 35 years experience in the medical device industry and is currently CEO and Executive Director of surgical company Palliare. Prior to founding Palliare, he co-founded two medical device companies, Caradyne, a respiratory medical device company, acquired by Respireonics Inc. in 2004 and Crospon, a gastrodiagnostics company, acquired by Medtronic in 2017. He is also a Co-Founder and Non-Executive Director of neurointervention device company Ceroflo. He is a Non-Executive Director and Audit Committee Chair of Stamford Devices Ltd (holding company for drug delivery device company Aerogen and Aerogen Pharma). He currently sits on the advisory boards of CURAM and Bioinnovate centres at University of Galway.

Education and qualifications

He holds Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering, a PhD in Electronics Engineering all from University College Dublin and an MSc in Clinical Research from NUI Galway. In 2016 he was awarded a Doctor of Engineering (honoris causa) by University of Galway for his contribution to the Irish Medical Device industry.

Additional professional highlights

He is a Past President of Engineers Ireland, and a past Chairman of the Board of the Irish Medical Devices Association. In 2016 he received the Outstanding Contribution to Medtech Award from the Irish Medtech Association, IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland and the 2019 UCD Engineering Graduates Association Distinguished Graduate Award.

He is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland and a member of the Institute of Directors, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the American Gastroenterological Association. He has 25 issued US patents and has served as a technical expert for Ireland on a number of international medical device standard committees.