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Professor Conor O’Keane is a Consultant Histopathologist at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (1993-current) and Clinical Professor of Pathology at University College Dublin. He is a 1981 graduate of University College Dublin Medical School. He obtained his pathology training at the Mallory Institute of Pathology/ Boston University School of Medicine and subsequently was appointed there on staff from 1991-1993.

His major interest is Quality Improvement in Medicine, particularly using Lean methodologies and he is an inaugural graduate of the Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare from RCPI (2012) . He has served as Clinical Director at the Mater from 2009 to 2014 and subsequently as its first Clinical Director for Quality and Safety (2014-17), and as Clinical Director for Clinical Engagement and Quality (50% secondment) in Ireland East Hospital Group from 2017-2020.

Within the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland he has served on the Board of the Faculty of Pathology for many terms,, including a term as Dean from 2009-2011 .

Within the wider College organization he served as Treasurer from 2011-2017 and as Director of Quality and Clinical Care from 2017-2020. He currently chairs its Steering Committee for the specialty quality improvement programmes in histopathology, radiology and endoscopy.

He has served on the Board of the National Office of Clinical Audit for 10 years, including a term as Chair from 2016-2020. He has just been appointed to a new role as clinical lead for quality improvement within this office .

He is current Director/Responsible Person of the Bone (Tissue) Bank at Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Pathology and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Pathology, RCPI and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI).