



## **John O'Dea**

Non-Executive Director | Member since 25 May 2024

Nationality: Irish | Year of Birth: 1962

John O'Dea has 30 years' experience in the medical device industry and currently works at surgical device company Palliare which he co-founded in 2018. He previously worked at Medtronic following their acquisition in 2017 of GI diagnostic company Crospon which he founded in 2006. In 1998 he co-founded Caradyne, an Irish respiratory medical device company, which was acquired by Respironics Inc. in 2004.

He is a past Chairman of the Board of the Irish Medical Devices Association and a past President of Engineers Ireland. In 2016 he was awarded a Doctor of Engineering (honoris causa) by NUI Galway for his contribution to the Irish Medical Device industry and received the 2016 Outstanding Contribution to Medtech Award from the Irish Medtech Association, IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland. In 2019, he was awarded the UCD EGA Distinguished Graduate Award for his significant and sustained contribution to the Engineering Profession.

### **Professional experience**

- CEO and Director, Palliare, Ireland (2018–present)
- CEO, Crospon Ltd, Ireland (2006–2017)
- Plant Manager, Respironics, Ireland (2004–2006)
- CEO, Caradyne, Ireland (1998–2004)
- R&D Manager, Nellcor Puritan Bennett, Ireland (1990–1998)
- Sr. Engineer, Digital Equipment Co., Ireland (1986–1990)

### **Other relevant directorships**

- Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee, Aerogen, Ireland
- CEO and Director, Palliare, Ireland
- Director, CeroFlo, Ireland

### **Education**

- Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering, University College Dublin, Ireland
- PhD in Electronics Engineering, University College Dublin
- MSc in Clinical Research, NUI Galway, Ireland