

Curriculum Vitae

Professor P. Ronan O'Connell is Consultant Surgeon with a special interest in Colorectal Surgery at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital Dublin since 1990. He graduated from Dublin University in 1979 and trained in Dublin, Cork, and London. He completed specialist training at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA. He was conferred with the degree M.D. in 1987. He holds fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (1983) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (Honorary) (2001). His name is on the specialist register in General Surgery.

Prof O'Connell is the Newman Clinical Research Professor at University College Dublin (since 2002) and former Chairman of the Division of Surgery at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital (2000-2003). He has been an examiner in the Intercollegiate Board in General Surgery (1997 - 2003) and was external examiner in surgery at Dublin University in 2003.

Prof O'Connell is a member of the Irish Society of Coloproctology, a fellow of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland, a fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, an honorary fellow of the Italian Association of Colon and Rectal Surgery and a member of the International Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. He is a foundation member and Council member of the European Association of Coloproctology and a Council member of the European Council of Coloproctology. He is a fellow of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and an elected fellow of the European Association of Surgeons and the Society of Pelvic Surgeons.

Prof O'Connell is Specialty Editor of the British Journal of Surgery, Associate Editor of Diseases of the Colon and Rectum and sits on the editorial boards of Colorectal Disease and Techniques in Coloproctology. He is a referee for several prestigious international journals including the Lancet, Gastroenterology and the Annals of Surgery. He has published widely in the areas of inflammatory bowel disease, pelvic floor physiology, continence and colorectal cancer (in excess of 200 original papers, abstracts, editorials and book chapters). Prof O'Connell has been invited to jointly edit the 25th edition of Bailey and Loves' Short Textbook of Surgery.

Prof O'Connell has presented more than 50 invited lectures. He was the Harry E Bacon Lecturer at the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Annual Meeting in June 2003. He was Visiting Professor at the Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery, University of Southern California, the Bo F Holmstrom Lecturer at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden and the George B. Rankin Lecturer at the Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA in 2004. During 2005 he has been the John Christenson Lecturer at the University of Arrhus, Denmark and gave British Journal of Surgery Lecture at the national congress of the German Surgical Society in Munich. He gave the Sir Hugh Lockhart Mummery Lecture in September 2005.