

## PM PEOPLE NEWS

# Dr. Michael O'Connor appointed PMWJ Honorary Industry Advisor in USA

## ***Medtronic program management executive joins honorary advisory team for PM World Journal and Library***

20 November 2023 – Dallas, Texas and Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA – PM World has announced the appointment of **Dr. Michael O'Connor** as an honorary industry advisor for the *PM World Journal* (PMWJ) and PM World Library (PMWL). Dr. O'Connor is currently Senior Research Program Director, Program Management with Medtronic, a US-based medical devices company, where he is responsible for global programs and successful adoption of R&D and Quality procedures.

With 33+ years of professional experience, Michael is a champion for the Medtronic community of practice in Project, Program, Portfolio, and PMO management (4PM). He has held various other project and leadership positions while at Medtronic over the last nearly 21 years. He has been responsible for the successful commercialization of many lifesaving products utilizing project, program, portfolio and PMO management. He has driven medical technology and innovation to product development using various engineering methodologies.



Prior to Medtronic, he was employed by CHF Solutions, Heartstent, Advanced UroScience, 3M and Pfizer. He was selected as an American Society for Quality Fellow, Medtronic Technical Fellow, Biomedical Engineering Society Fellow, Association for Project Management Fellow, American Academy of Project Management Fellow and American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering Fellow. Prior to Medtronic, he was employed by CHF Solutions, Heartstent, Advanced UroScience, 3M and Pfizer.

Dr. O'Connor received his B.A. and minor in Project Management from Metropolitan State University. He holds Graduate degrees in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Technology Management from the University of St. Thomas, and Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. O'Connor earned his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, majoring in Project Management, from the A. James School of Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA.

See his full honorary advisor profile at <https://pmworldlibrary.net/dr-michael-oconnor/>

According to PMWJ editor David Pells, "I'm very happy to welcome Dr. Michael O'Connor to our honorary advisory team. He brings more than 30 years of experience in the medical devices industry, a major element of the global healthcare

sector where artificial intelligence, agility and project management are combining to create life-changing new products and solutions. He also holds many project management credentials and degrees, an inspiration for other PM professionals worldwide.”

Dr. O'Connor stated, “Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to appearing on your websites. Your promotion of knowledge sharing and continuous learning have been hallmarks of my own career, so I'm fully on board. Let's help make successful projects more common across all industries.”

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