

Profile of Professor Daniel Kelly, OBE – EONS Lifetime Achievement Award 2023

Daniel Kelly acted as EONS Board member from 2009-2013, President-Elect from 2013-2015, EONS President 2015-2017 and EONS Past-President from 2017-2019 and currently co-chair ECO HPV Action Network.

He joined Cardiff University in 2011 as The Royal College of Nursing Chair of Nursing Research.

His career shows a steady path towards ever greater contributions to the world of cancer nursing.

He is a graduate of the integrated Social Science and Nursing degree programme at Edinburgh University. On qualifying he gained clinical experience in intensive care, hospice and acute oncology settings; including specialist oncology training at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London in the 1980's. He then spent five years in two Charge Nurse roles. The first, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, was in the Sexual Health service at the height of the HIV crisis in the late 1980s. He then returned to Oncology at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh to manage a chemotherapy unit that specialised in high dose/trial treatments, including the treatment of young adults. He completed the MSc (Advanced Practice, Cancer Nursing) at the University of Surrey during this time.

He then moved into education as a Lecturer in Cancer Nursing at the Royal Marsden Hospital/Institute of Cancer Research and contributed to the development of innovative cancer and palliative care degree programmes for several years.

In 1998 he was appointed Senior Nurse (Research & Development) at University College Hospitals and completed a part-time PhD in Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London in 2002. This was an ethnographic study of men undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

For three years he was Senior Research Fellow working between UCL Hospitals and City University, London. He was then appointed Reader in Cancer Nursing at Middlesex University in 2005 with subsequent promotion to Professor of Nursing and Cancer Care.