



ICON Announces Appointment of Dr. Hugh Brady to Board of Directors

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DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [ICON plc](#) (NASDAQ: ICLR), a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today announced the appointment of Dr. Hugh Brady as a non-executive director.

Dr. Brady is President Emeritus of University College Dublin (UCD), one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities, where he served as President from 2004 until the end of 2013. During his tenure Dr. Brady oversaw a significant expansion of UCD's science, engineering and biomedical research capacity, including the development of the Conway Institute for Biomedical Research, UCD Clinical Research Centre and the Dublin Academic Medical Centre. In addition, he led a major growth in UCD's international footprint, including the establishment of the Beijing-Dublin International College and the UCD Shenzhen Health Sciences Institute in China.

A nephrologist by training, Dr. Brady was Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics at UCD before being appointed the university's President. He returned to Ireland having built a successful career as a physician and biomedical research scientist in the US, where he spent nine years at Harvard University, including a period as Associate Professor of Medicine. In parallel with his academic career at Harvard, he served as Director of the Renal Division of the Brockton/West Roxbury VA Medical Center and Consultant Physician at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. He has an international reputation in the pathogenesis of diabetic kidney disease and renal inflammation.

Dr. Brady has held many national and international leadership roles, including Chairman of the Irish Health Research Board and Chairman of the Universitas 21 Network of global research universities. He is also a non-executive director of Kerry Group plc.

"I am very pleased that Dr Brady has joined the board" commented Mr. Thomas Lynch, Chairman. *"His inspirational leadership of UCD, Ireland's largest university, during the past ten years, extensive international experience, especially in Asia coupled with a distinguished career as an academic clinician in Ireland and the United States will bring invaluable experience and expertise to ICON."*

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ICON plc is a global provider of outsourced development [services](#) to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. With headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, ICON currently, operates from 76 locations in 37 countries and has approximately 10,300 employees. Further information is available at www.iconplc.com.

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