

Olli Carpén

Olli Carpén is Professor and Chair of Pathology at the University of Helsinki, Finland. In addition, he holds a senior consultant position at Helsinki University Hospital (HUS), an OECl full member with Comprehensive Cancer Center status and serves as Scientific Director of Helsinki Biobank. He has over 15 years' experience in biobanking, including two years as Professor of Biobanking at the University of Turku, Finland. Internationally, he has served as Delegate of the Assembly of Members of BBMRI-ERIC, and in years 2018-2021 he was the Vice Chair of AoM and Steering Group Member of BBMRI-ERIC. In year 2023, he was appointed as Chair of the Molecular Pathology WG of the European Society of Pathology (ESP). From 2024, he has served as the Chair of OECl working group of Biobanking and Molecular Pathobiology.

Prof. Carpén has experience in several international EU-funded projects, including two ovarian cancer research consortia (Hercules 2016-2020 and DECIDER 2021-2025) and a large Digital Pathology consortium (Bigpicture 2021-2026), serving as a PI in all these projects. His major research interests include identification of novel tissue-based cancer biomarkers with cutting-edge techniques and the application of biobank specimens and information in preventive screening of individuals at increased disease risk.

Prof. Carpén has published over 230 original articles. He has received several awards for his academic merits, including Knight 1st class of the order of the white rose of Finland and Sakari Mustakallio Award for significant contribution in cancer diagnostics by the Finnish Cancer Foundation.