

## **Simon Oberst**

Simon Oberst is Director of Quality and Accreditation, Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). He was until recently Director of Clinical Development, Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre; and concurrently Chair of the Accreditation and Designation Board of the OECI.

Simon is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, and a specialist in quality systems and organisational development in cancer. After graduating from Trinity College, Cambridge, he worked in the London and Newcastle with KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers. After spells in industry and charities, he moved to being Director of Improving Cancer Services with the UK's leading cancer patient charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

As Director of Clinical Development for the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre for 10 years, Simon Oberst was working with University of Cambridge and Cambridge University Hospital leaders on plans to deliver a state of the art 25,000 M2 Cancer Research Hospital on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The vision is to integrate teams of clinicians, biologists, mathematicians, physicists, chemists and engineers to develop innovative care pathways that diagnose cancer early and treat patients personally and precisely.

As chair of the Accreditation Board of OECI since 2015 he has overseen the accreditation of 50 of the leading Cancer Centres in Europe, as well as establishing consensus quality standards for cancer centres and networks. He has been a key author on subjects such as: bridging research and clinical care – the comprehensive cancer centre. As Director of Quality and Accreditation for OECI, Simon will direct the quality and accreditation programmes as these grow within and outside Europe, and enable OECI's involvement with some of the EU Actions in cancer arising from Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and Horizon Europe.

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