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# Appointment of Professor Paul Smith AM as AOANJRR Interim Registry Clinical Director

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The Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) has appointed Professor Paul Smith AM as Interim Registry Clinical Director of the world-renowned AOA National Joint Replacement Registry (AOANJRR).

In addition to his longstanding orthopaedic clinical leadership in Canberra, Professor Paul Smith has been heavily involved in orthopaedic research with particular areas of focus on joint and implant wear, implant materials development and image registration for hip and knee kinematic and outcome analysis.

Professor Paul Smith is the immediate past Chair of AOA's ACT branch and currently serves as Scientific Secretary. He is the immediate past Chair of the ACT branch of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons; he also serves as Chair of the AOANJRR Editorial Review Committee.

AOA President Dr Annette Holian said Professor Smith's expertise will mean the Registry will be in safe hands as the global search for a full-time Registry Clinical Director progresses.

"Professor Smith will strengthen the leadership of the Registry as we continue important conversations with the Federal Government and in the lead-up to the release of the Registry's Annual Report, which includes the findings of the more than 100,000 hip, knee and shoulder replacement surgeries conducted in Australia over the past 12 months."

The AOANJRR is at the forefront of identifying how best to achieve optimal results in orthopaedic surgery that contributes to restoring a pain-free, active and healthy lifestyle for hundreds of thousands of Australians, and in turn saves many millions of dollars in health and welfare expenditure.

The AOA Board is currently undertaking a global search to fill the AOANJRR Registry Clinical Director role.

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