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John joined Medtronic in September 2018 and is currently Senior Director Government Affairs, Western Europe. From September 2018 to December 2022, John served as Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Quality and Government Affairs EMEA at Medtronic.

John brings over 30 years' experience from the healthcare sector. Before Medtronic, John was active in European healthcare innovation and legislation policies in Brussels. John was Secretary General for the European biotech trade association, EuropaBio, as well as Director of Regulatory Affairs and Industrial policy for nearly ten years at the European health industry trade association MedTech Europe.

John came to MedTech Europe from the European Commission, where he was a policy officer within the European Commission's Medical Devices Unit, responsible for the medical device regulations in Europe. Here John's European Commission policy work saw him deal with the early design of the new European Medical Device Regulation, the publication of the 2007 revision to the Medical Devices Directives, European Commission official guidance and policy on medical devices, and International Mutual Recognition Agreements, including working with the US FDA and Australia.

Prior to coming to Brussels John was managing the Irish Notified Body, NSAI, gaining extensive European and international experience in the design approval of high-risk devices and quality management systems. He sat on the working group which developed the international quality management systems standard for medical devices, ISO 13485. He began his career in the industry with five years' experience spanning the in vitro diagnostic, pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

John is a science graduate from Dublin, Ireland, with added post-graduate diplomas in quality control and environmental engineering.