

## Biographical Profile Trish O'Keefe, PhD, RN



Trish O'Keefe, PhD, RN, is Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive, Atlantic Health System, and President, Morristown Medical Center.

Under O'Keefe's leadership, Morristown Medical Center is ranked the number one hospital in New Jersey by *U.S. News & World Report* for five consecutive years and is the only hospital in New Jersey named one of America's '50 Best Hospitals' for six consecutive years by Healthgrades. It has earned recognition as one of the World's Best Hospitals by *Newsweek*, ranking as #34 in the country and top in the State of New Jersey in 2021, and *Becker's Healthcare* list of "100 great hospitals in America." Morristown Medical Center has achieved an "A" hospital safety grade – its highest – twelve consecutive times by Leapfrog. The hospital was also recognized by Fortune IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals, ranking #6 among major US teaching hospitals.

Morristown Medical Center is nationally recognized in cardiology, orthopedics, critical care, pediatrics, geriatrics, and gastroenterology -- a testament to the quality O'Keefe expects. She was instrumental in the medical center's prestigious designation as an American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence five consecutive times—one of less than one percent of hospitals nationally to achieve this honor.

O'Keefe was recently recognized by St. Elizabeth University as a Community Honoree during their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship celebration and received the 2021 Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen's Award from the EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation for her distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of NJ. She was also honored by Tri-County Scholarship Fund that serves many of the state's financially disadvantaged children. She was named on *ROI-NJ's* Influencers Power list in 2020 and 2021, as well as *ROI-NJ's* 2021 Influencers: Women in Business – Health Care list. She was honored by Seton Hall University with the Margaret C. Haley Award for making a significant contribution to healthcare; by the Morris County Chamber of Commerce as a "Woman Who Shines"; received the UMDNJ Dean's Award for Advancing the Profession of Nursing; and the ONE/NJ Nurse Executive of the Year Award and Professional Recognition Award. She is also the recipient of the Mary A. Mulholland Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America and was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award from DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, NJ. She was also recognized by the United Nations as one of 21 Nurses with Global Impact; by *Irish America* magazine to its Healthcare and Life Sciences 50 list; by the American Cancer Society as a Hero of Hope; and by *NJBiz* as a 2018 Vanguard Series Leader in Health Care.

She is a noted presenter on national and regional stages on topics such as leading through a crisis: COVID-19, redesigning healthcare, empowerment and shared governance models, resiliency in leadership, nursing's role in the Accountable Care Organization (ACO), geriatric care and medication management, and care for the caregiver (achieving Magnet status).

O'Keefe recently served as 2019, 2020 Chairwoman of the Board, Morris County Chamber of Commerce, Advisory Board Chair of the Salvation Army of Morris County, Board Member of the College of Saint Elizabeth in Madison, New Jersey, Board Member of the NJ Sharing Network, and Board Member of the Organization of Nurse Executives in New Jersey (ONE/NJ) for 10 years.

She has participated as a member of Seton Hall University President's Advisory Board, member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), the New Jersey Organization of Nurse Executives (ONE/NJ), and Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing. O'Keefe is a certified nurse administrator by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

O'Keefe received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, her Master of Science in Nursing Administration, and received her PhD from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She and her husband Darren are long-time, active residents of Morristown, NJ.