



## Dr Caroline Semaille

### ***Director General, Santé publique France***

A hospital practitioner working in the areas of public health and infectiology, with an accreditation to supervise research, Caroline Semaille has devoted much of her professional career to infectious disease issues, and to tackling HIV/AIDS in particular, through projects focusing on prevention or early access to treatments, as well as through humanitarian missions.

She has more than 20 years' experience working within French health agencies.

- First she worked as an epidemiologist at the *Institut de Veille Sanitaire* (French Institute for Public Health Surveillance), now known as *Santé Publique France* (French Public Health Agency), where she served as head of the HIV/AIDS, Sexually-Transmitted Infections (STI) and Hepatitis Surveillance Unit.
- She then moved to the ANSM (French Health Products Safety Agency), where she was Product Director from 2013 to 2019, responsible for vaccines, anti-infective drugs and products used to treat rare metabolic diseases, in the fields of dermatology, hepato-gastroenterology and gene therapy.
- From 2019 to 2021, she held the position of Managing Director General of the Regulated Products Division at ANSES (*Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail* - French Agency for Food, Environmental, and Occupational Health Safety), where she coordinated all the departments responsible for assessing and issuing marketing authorisations for veterinary medicinal products, plant protection products and biocidal products, in particular.

In April 2021, she returned to the ANSM as Deputy Director General for Operations. She manages and coordinates the activities of all the medical and professional departments responsible for access to health products and their safety, for the benefit of patients, working alongside healthcare professionals and in consultation with their respective representatives.

In February 2023, she was nominated Director General of Santé publique France, the French Agency of Public Health.

During the course of her career, Caroline Semaille has helped manage several international health crises, including H1N1 influenza, SARS, MERS-CoV, Ebola and, more recently, COVID-19 when she was temporarily seconded to Reacting/Inserm in March-April 2020.

She worked as a hospital clinician for around ten years and has done a lot of humanitarian work, especially in Kurdish refugee camps and in remote areas of Cambodia.

She was also a member of the coordinated actions of the *Agence nationale de recherches sur le sida et les hépatites virales* (ANRS - French National Agency for Aids and Viral Hepatitis Research) until 2013 and of the *Haut Conseil de Santé Publique* (High Council for Public Health) until April 2019, and participated in the *Commission nationale de la déontologie et des alertes en matière de santé publique et*

*d'environnement* (French National Commission for Ethics and Alerts in Public Health and the Environment).