



HE Mr Benjamin Hounkpatin, Minister of Health, Benin

HE Dr. Benjamin Ignace Bodounrin Hounkpatin is the current Minister of Health of Benin since 2018. He obtained his PhD in medicine from the Cotonou Faculty of Health Sciences (FSS), followed by a Specialized Studies Certificate (CES) in obstetrics and gynaecology in 2007 from the same faculty. In 2013, 2016 and 2021, he was successively promoted to be lecturer, associate professor and full professor of obstetrics and gynaecology by the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES). He worked at the Cotonou Lagoon University Hospital of the Mother and Child (CHU-MEL) and at the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Hounkpatin is a full member of several medical associations, including the National College of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians of Benin (CNGOB), of which he is President. In the humanitarian field, he has been deeply involved in the fight against obstetric fistulas, gynaecological and breast cancers, in particular cervical cancer, and violence against women and girls. In terms of academic activities, he coordinates the Inter-University Diploma in Gynaecological and Breast Oncology at the Cotonou Faculty of Health Sciences.