



Biosketch

Dr. Noël received his medical degree from the University of Grenoble and specialized in clinical biology, haematology and transfusion medicine in Lyon and Paris. He worked as a French public hospital practitioner, in charge of the Haematology and Transfusion Centre of Versailles when he was recruited in 1992 to contribute to the establishment of the French Blood Agency following the tainted blood affair. He participated in the reorganization of the French Transfusion Service, contributed to setting up the system of vigilance and surveillance of adverse reactions, known as haemovigilance, and to optimizing the clinical use of blood components.

In 1999 he was recruited by WHO as Coordinator Blood Transfusion Safety.

In 2004 he was appointed Coordinator for the Clinical Procedures unit where inter alia he developed the topic of transplantation. This led to the WHO updated Guiding Principles for Human Cell Tissue and Organ Transplantation endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2010. He led the WHO initiative for medical products of human origin until his retirement from the Organization.