

Benjamin Ignace Bodounrin Hounkpatin

Minister of Health, Benin



Benjamin Ignace Bodounrin Hounkpatin, born on 31 July 1974 in Porto-Novo, Benin, is a Beninese politician and doctor.

In 2002 he obtained a 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).

His hospital activities have included working at the Borgou Departmental University Hospital from 2008 to 2010 and then, from 2010 to 2018, at the Cotonou Lagoon University Hospital of the Mother and Child (CHU-MEL) as the doctor in charge of the emergency and referral/counter-referral units.

At the Ministry of Health, he has held the positions of supporting doctor for the Mother and Child Health Service and coordinator of the regional programme on Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention in the ECOWAS Region within the Directorate for Mother and Child Health.

He is a full member of several medical associations, including the National College of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians of Benin (CNGOB), of which he is President; the African Society of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (SAGO), the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), the Inter-African Group for Fertility Study, Research and Applications (GIERAF), the French National College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (CNGOF) and the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS).

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.

On 5 June 2018, he was appointed minister of health in the third government of President Patrice Talon and was reappointed to the same position for the second term on 25 May 2021.