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## **Dr. Geneviève Richer** **Chief of Staff, Medical Services at Ste. Anne's** **Hospital**

Dr. Geneviève Richer obtained her medical degree in 1990 at the Université de Montréal and, after a residency in family medicine, completed a certification in emergency medicine. She then worked in a few emergency rooms in Montreal for about ten years, before devoting herself to a hospital practice with patients admitted to acute care, geriatric care and palliative care.

She has held the following positions:

- Head of the Department of General medicine at the Centre Hospitalier Lachine from 1999 to 2002,
- Medical Director of the West Island Palliative Care Residence from 2005 to 2020,
- President of the Council of Physicians, Dentists, and Pharmacists (CPDP) of Lakeshore Hospital (formerly CSSS-ODI) from 2013 to 2015,
- Member of the Association des Conseils des Médecins, Dentistes et Pharmaciens du Québec from 2013 to 2014.

Dr. Richer is currently Chief of Staff, Medical Services at Ste. Anne's Hospital, a position she has held since 2016, when the hospital was transferred under provincial jurisdiction. As part of her duties, she manages a team of about ten physicians, who are responsible for ensuring continuous medical coverage (24/7) for veterans and civilian geriatric residents. For the past few years, she has also been the general practitioner affiliated with the residential program that welcomes young veterans at Ste. Anne's Hospital suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Geneviève Richer was also part of the medical team that accompanied the veteran delegation on several commemorative trips to Europe. Notably,



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- In April 2015, she accompanied the delegation celebrating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands,
  - In May 2017, she was head of the medical team during the trip to France commemorating the centennial of the Vimy victory,
  - In June 2019, she was head of the medical team during the trip to France commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landings,
  - In November 2019, she co-led the medical team on the trip commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Italian Campaign.

She currently sits on the Board of Directors of Le Sentier, a non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of homeless veterans through a transition house. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Quebec Veterans Foundation.

In addition, she has participated in the scientific organizing committees of certain medical congresses and has acted as a medical examiner for candidates for admission to the Faculty of Medicine, as well as for candidates for licensure with the Canadian Medical Council. She is also the recipient of the Ina Cummings Award for her contributions to the field of palliative care.

Dr. Richer has served on a number of committees at the Collège des Médecins du Québec (CMQ) and has been designated as a maître de stage for physicians wishing to reorient themselves in palliative care by the CMQ. She also acts as a consultant to the legal firm McCarthy-Tétrault for expert reports for the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA).

Dr. Richer will soon assume the duties of part-time coroner for the Greater Montreal area, which will lead her to make recommendations to the Minister of Public Safety in an attempt to prevent violent or accidental deaths.

Outside of her professional activities, Geneviève enjoys doing outdoor activities with her family and friends, in addition to her interest in music and animal welfare. She has volunteered with her children for many years at the SPCA, and in 2018, she completed a training program accredited by Zoothérapie Québec. She also holds a laureate in piano from the Vincent d'Indy School of Music and has been a member of the Orchestre Métropolitain choir.

Geneviève lives in Senneville with her husband, Michael, and is the mother of two adult children. Her son, Philippe, is a doctor and her daughter, Caroline, is a firefighter and is completing her engineering studies.