

Ontario Health Board of Directors

Major General (retd) Jean-Robert Bernier served Canada for over 40 years in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Canadian and US defence intelligence, and the Royal Canadian Medical Service (RCMS). Among other responsibilities, he chaired NATO's Health, Medicine, and Protection research committee, led the military public health agency, and was responsible for health services to military operations, including the Ebola treatment mission to Sierra Leone and the hospital in Kandahar for which Canada received NATO's highest medical honour. In 2012, he was appointed Canada's 38th Surgeon General, Honorary Physician to Her Majesty the Queen, Head of the RCMS, and Commander of the fully-integrated military health system. In 2015, he was unanimously elected chief medical adviser to the North Atlantic Alliance as chair of the committee of NATO Surgeons General. He has also served on the NATO Science and Technology Board, the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the board of the University of Ottawa Institute for Mental Health Research. He is also a Franco-Ontarian.