HEALTHCARE IN FRANCE

1 ▶ FRANCE: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

France is ranked seventh in the world for life expectancy at birth (WEF, 2016-17), and is the leading OECD country for access to healthcare, with costs to households significantly lower than the OECD average.

2 ▶ COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTHCARE

France has a well-established community-based healthcare system, with 353,000 medical professionals, including 218,300 doctors, or 3.4 doctors per 1,000 inhabitants (OECD, 2015). Community health services (37,000 medical practices, 36,000 dental practices, 23,000 dispensing pharmacies, etc.) receive 260 million visits a year. (French Health Ministry – DGOS, 2015)

3 ▶ 'CONSULT-STATIONS'

The first 'Consult-Station' in France was set up in Cluny (Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region) in 2014. These mini healthcare centers designed by a budding French company, H4D, can be used for teleconsultations and to alleviate the problem of doctor shortages in rural areas. By late 2016, more than twenty of these cabins had been set up nationwide.

4 ▶ HOSPITAL AT HOME

Providing hospital treatment at home is becoming more commonplace in France. In 2014, there were 309 authorized and active institutions, 106,000 people receiving treatment (up from 104,000 in 2012), and 4.4 million days of healthcare provided at home. (French Health Ministry, 2016)

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▶ MORE THAN 3,000 HOSPITALS

There are 3,111 hospitals in France – 1,416 in the public sector, 683 privately run non-profit hospitals, and 1,012 private clinics – ranking France fourth among OECD countries for the number of hospitals per capita (46.95/million inhabitants). (OECD, 2014)

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▶ AP-HP: EUROPE'S LARGEST HOSPITAL GROUP

With 37 hospitals treating seven million patients a year, AP-HP *(Assistance publique – Hôpitaux de Paris)* is the largest hospital group in Europe, conducting 50% of all medical research in France. In late 2016, AP-HP created a subsidiary, AP-HP International, to provide global healthcare and expertise.

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▶ INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

France has 32 university hospitals (*Centres hospitaliers universitaires* – CHUs) that have accomplished 116 world firsts since 1958. In 2017, Toulouse University Hospital created the first bladder organoid (3D in vitro organ model) from human stem cells, and used 3D printing technology to make a custom tracheobronchial prosthesis, while Lyon University Hospital developed a new ultrasound endometriosis treatment.

8 ▶ WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH CENTERS

Three French research organizations are ranked among the world's top 10 publicly funded institutions doing the most to advance science and technology: the Atomic Energy and Alternative Energy Commission (CEA) and its healthcare/life sciences department (1st); the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) (5th), and National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM) (10th) (Thomson Reuters, 2016). The French Health Ministry provides backing to 292 clinical research entities and support initiatives. (French Health Ministry – DGOS, 2015)

9 ▶ OPEN ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

In 2015, public spending on social protection amounted to 31.5% of GDP in France, compared with 25.3% in Germany, 21.5% in the United Kingdom, and 19.3% in the United States. (OECD)

10 ▶ EXPORTING FRENCH EXPERTISE

In 2017, two French organizations were selected for a project to expand Ridge Hospital in Accra, the capita of Ghana. Bouygues will take care of construction, while training will be conducted by personnel from the AP-HP hospital group.

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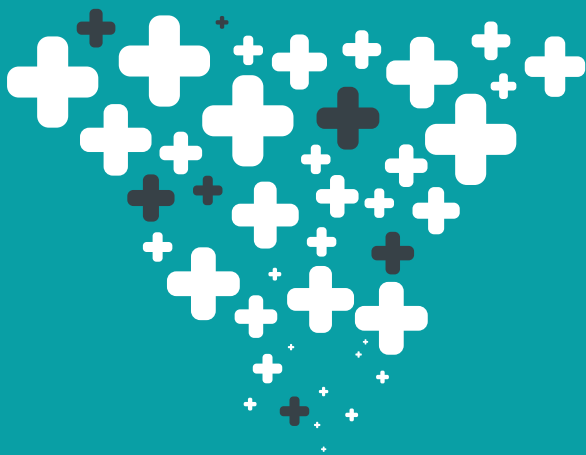**www.businessfrance.fr**

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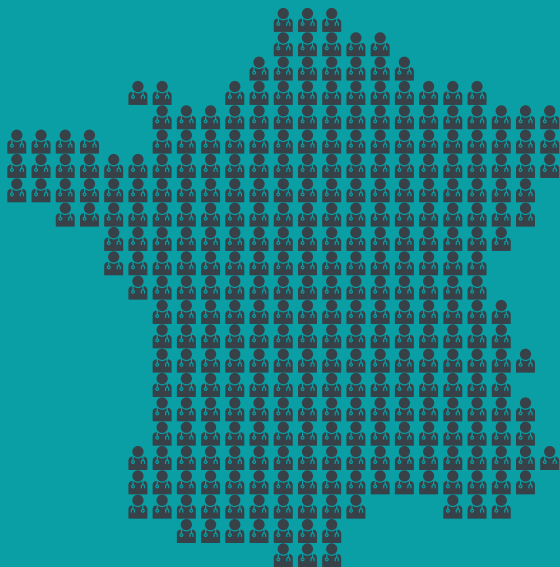
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JOB-CREATING FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE FRENCH HEALTHCARE SECTOR IN 2016

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HUMAN MEDICINES

(LEEM PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, 2016)

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(FRENCH HEALTH MINISTRY - DGOS, 2015)