



Andrea Piccioli, Director General of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, is a medical doctor specialized in Orthopedics.

He worked for over twenty years at the CTO hospital in Rome, gaining national and international expertise in musculoskeletal oncology and in the surgical treatment of bone metastases, leading the Unit for the “Diagnosis and treatment of dysplasias and heteroplasias of the musculoskeletal system.” He also spent an extended period at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. For more than 12 years, he served as National Secretary of the Società Italiana di Ortopedia e Traumatologia. He was Director of the GIOT (Italian Journal of Orthopaedics and Traumatology).

A reserve medical officer in the Navy, he served as ship doctor on the Amerigo Vespucci and was recalled for the K-Force operation in 1999, where he was deployed in Kosovo. In 2016, he was awarded the Navy Medal of Merit.

In 2016, he was appointed member of the Scientific Committee of the ISS. He won the national Bellando-Randone Prize for the volume “Bones: Orthopaedic Pathologies in Roman Imperial Age”, published by Springer. He has carried out extensive research in orthopedic oncology, war traumatology, healthcare planning, clinical risk, governance of emergency and urgent care, healthcare data protection, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence applied to healthcare.

In 2017, he headed Office III for Planning at the Ministry of Health, responsible for quality, clinical risk, and hospital planning, coordinating the SAR-SiVeAS inspection unit and the ministerial Task Force in collaboration with the NAS Carabinieri. He served as President of the Evaluation and Verification Unit for Public Investments of the Ministry of Health and coordinated the Technical Working Group for updating the National Waiting List Plan 2019–2021.

Appointed Director General of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità in 2019—the technical-scientific body of the National Health Service and the country’s leading public health research institution—he was also a member of the Consiglio Superiore di Sanità (Section IV) from 2022 to 2025.

In 2022, he was appointed Scientific Advisor to the Navy by the Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy. That same year, he launched the “Sea Care” project, a collaboration between the ISS and the Navy, aimed at assessing contamination profiles of persistent anthropogenic chemical substances and investigating risks related to marine environmental quality.

In 2023, in Washington, he was awarded the U.N.I.C.O. National Special Achievement Award—“*For succeeding at the highest level of his profession while demonstrating leadership, honor, and commitment to excellence*”—together with Anthony Fauci.

In 2023, he was awarded the Gold Medal for Merit in Public Health by the President of the Republic.