

Pinellas County Health Department

Meet the Director

Claude M. Dharamraj, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., was appointed as the director of the Pinellas County Health Department July, 2006.

Dr. Dharamraj began her career at the Pinellas County Health Department in 1984, serving as a pediatric and primary care physician. Over the years, she has worked to encompass changes in public health and to meet the needs of our local community. She was the agency's assistant director for sixteen years prior to taking the position of director.

"It is an honor to serve Pinellas County's residents and visitors," Dr. Dharamraj said. "We have worked hard to establish the Health Department in this community as a place people know they can turn for excellent service. Our current strategic issues are prevention, preparedness and access to care. We work every day on these issues so that the health of Pinellas County is constantly improving and that we are ready for any emergency that can pose a threat to us."

Originally from France, Dr. Dharamraj received her M.D. from Faculte de Medecine in Lille, France in 1975. A Board Certified pediatrician, she completed her residency at New York Medical College's Metropolitan Hospital Center, and also completed fellowships at North Shore University Hospital in New York, William Beaumont Hospital in Michigan and Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. Dr. Dharamraj received a Masters in Public Health from the University of South Florida in 2000.

In 1999, Dharamraj was named the ***Outstanding Woman in Public Health*** for the State of Florida, by the University of South Florida's College of Public Health.

