

## Biography

### **Russell Williams, President, Rx&D**



Mr. Williams joined Rx&D after a successful career in provincial politics and community service. For fifteen years, Mr. Williams represented the Montreal riding of Nelligan in the National Assembly of Quebec. During his career as Liberal MNA, he led numerous public policy debates on important and complex issues such as the role of government in research and development (R&D), compensation for victims of contaminated blood, linguistic policy, access to services for handicapped people, pre-hospital emergency services, and gambling. He is well known for his dedication and perseverance as an advocate for individual rights, and government services focused on the needs of its citizens.

During his tenure as parliamentary assistant to two Ministers of Health and Social Services, Mr. Williams identified and initiated strategies for a more efficient and integrated health care system. In addition, he spearheaded the development of an R&D policy for the pharmaceutical sector.

Prior to and during his political career, Mr. Williams played a key role in numerous non-profit and community-based initiatives in areas ranging from palliative care to human rights.