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Holds a specialty in child and adolescent psychiatry. She served as Finland's minister of health and then minister of social affairs. Dr. Taipale has been director general of National Board of Social Welfare and of Stakes, National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health in Finland and has held chairmanships of academic and technological research bodies nationally and within the European Union. She was a member and chair of the United Nations University Council and is Honorary President, International Society for Gerontechnology. After retirement she is actively involved in the WHO Collaborating Centre for Mental Health Promotion, Prevention and Policies and is currently co-president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and chair, Union for Senior Services in Finland.

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