

OUR HISTORY

- 1885 Louis Pasteur develops the rabies vaccine.
- 1897 Profoundly influenced by the teachings of Louis Pasteur, Marcel Mérieux establishes Institut Biologique Mérieux. Across the Atlantic, Richard Slee opens the Pocono Biological Laboratories, which today houses our U.S. headquarters.
- 1914 In Toronto, John Fitzgerald establishes a laboratory for the production of a diphtheria antitoxin. Formerly known as Connaught Laboratories, this is now our headquarters in Canada.
- 1937 Charles Mérieux succeeds his father, Marcel. He develops a foot and mouth vaccine, which saves six million cattle during a severe epidemic in 1952. Industrial virology is born and applied to human medicine.
- 1967 Alain Mérieux succeeds his father, Charles, and Institut Mérieux becomes a worldwide player in the field of applied immunology.
- 1968 Rhône-Poulenc acquires a majority stake in Institut Mérieux.
- 1973 Institut Pasteur production site is created in Val de Reuil, France. The site will be acquired by Institut Mérieux in 1985.
- 1985 Institut Mérieux acquires Institut Pasteur production.
- 1989 Institut Mérieux acquires Connaught Laboratories and becomes the world leader in vaccines.
- 1990 Institut Mérieux becomes Pasteur Mérieux Sérums & Vaccins.
- 1994 Pasteur Mérieux Sérums & Vaccins becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the Rhône-Poulenc Group.
- 1994 Pasteur Mérieux MSD is founded. Known today as Sanofi Pasteur MSD, it is a joint venture with Merck & Co. covering 19 countries in Europe.
- 1996 Pasteur Mérieux Sérums & Vaccins and Connaught Laboratories adopt the name Pasteur Mérieux Connaught.
- 1999 Rhône-Poulenc and Hoechst merge their life sciences activity – pharmaceuticals, animal health and crop science – to form a single company, Aventis. Pasteur Mérieux Connaught changes its name to Aventis Pasteur.
- 2004 Sanofi-synthelabo acquired Aventis, becoming sanofi-aventis Group. Aventis Pasteur becomes Sanofi Pasteur.
- 2008 Sanofi Pasteur acquired Acambis plc, a biotech company.
- 2009 Sanofi Pasteur acquired Shantha Biotechnics, a vaccine manufacturer based in India.
- 2010 Sanofi Pasteur acquired VaxDesign, a U.S. biotechnology company.
- 2011 Sanofi Pasteur acquired Topaz Pharmaceuticals, a pharmaceutical company
- 2017 Sanofi Pasteur acquired Protein Sciences, a U.S. biotechnology company