Professor Eliane Gluckman of France is one of the leading hematologists worldwide who pioneered cord blood transplanting in 1988.

Eliane Gluckman graduated from the Université Paris VII with a Ph.D. in medicine in 1969. Under the supervision of Jean Bernard and the Nobel Prize laureate Jean Dausset, she specialized in hematology and immunology at the Hospital Saint-Louis. From 1972 to 1973, she worked as a postdoctoral fellow under the supervision of Professor Ed Thomas, who was awarded a Nobel Prize for his research on bone marrow transplantation. Following her return to France, Eliane Gluckmann established and directed the bone marrow transplantation unit in Professor Bernard’s department. She was appointed Professor of Hematology in 1976 and has since managed the Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation at the Hospital Saint-Louis. Under Professor Gluckmann’s management, the department – one of the largest of its kind in Europe – has performed over 1900 bone marrow transplantations on children and adults. Eliane Gluckmann is a founding member and former president of the European Group of Bone Marrow Transplantation (EBMT). She has received a number of awards and honors, including the Ham-Wasserman-Lecture of the American Society of Hematology in 2001. She has been awarded the Légion d’honneur and the Ordre du mérité in France. She also received an Honorary Doctorate conferred by the Faculty of Medicine.

Her research continues to focus on the transplantation of umbilical cord blood and congenital bone marrow failure.