



Surgeon Major General Alberto Hernández Abadía de Barbará, Head of the Joint Health Directorate of EMACON

Surgeon MG Hernández was born in Madrid in 1964. Graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the “Complutense” University of Madrid in 1989 and Doctor Cum Laude in Medicine in 2003. He joined the Health Military Corps through public competition in the First Unified Promotion of the Common Corps. He was promoted to First Medical Lieutenant in 1991 and assigned to the 1st Engineer Regiment.

In 1992 he was assigned to the Military 1st Special Operations Group. In 1994 he began training to obtain the Complementary Speciality of Intensive Care Medicine at Central Defence Hospital “Gómez Ulla.”

In 1995 he was promoted to Captain and after completing his speciality he was assigned in 1999 as Intensive Care Physician to the “O'Donnell” Military Hospital in Ceuta and was subsequently assigned to the Army Advanced Medical Echelons. In 2004, he was promoted to Major while he was in charge of the Telemedicine Service of the Central Defence Hospital “Gómez Ulla.”

In 2012, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and after completing the General Staff Course in 2013, he was assigned to the Army General Staff, then to the Operations Command in 2014 and to the Operational Medical Directorate in 2016.

In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel whilst assigned to the General Health Inspectorate as Head of the Management Body, followed by his appointment as Advisory Member of the Technical Cabinet of the Under-Secretariat of Defence in 2019 and Deputy Director of the Central Defence Academy in 2021.

In September 2021, he was promoted to Brigadier General, taking over the Sub-Inspectorate of Expert Health Support and the Joint Medical Directorate in August 2022.

In July 2025, he was promoted to Mayor General, continuous in the Joint Medical Directorate.

He has extensive experience in international missions, having taking part in Operation Resolute Support (Afghanistan), three tours in KFOR (Kosovo), two tours in UNPROFOR (BiH) and four tours in ISAF (Afghanistan), as well as 30 aero-evacuation missions with the Air Force Aero-evacuation Medical Unit.

Civilian and Military Courses

Intensive Care Specialist.
General Staff Course.
Master's Degree in Executive Health Administration.
Master's Degree in Healthcare Management.
Master in Defence, Security and Peace.
Master's degree in Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine
National Defence Course.

Most Relevant Medals

Great Military Merit Cross with white badge.
Great Cross and Plaque of the Royal and Military Order of San Hermenegildo.
Aeronautic, Naval and Military Merit Cross with white badge.
United Nations Medal (UNPROFOR).
No Article 5, NATO Medal (Balkans, ISAF and Resolute Support).
NATO (Kosovo) and Balmis Operation Medal.

Biographical Data

Surgeon MG Hernández Abadía de Barbará is married.

