

Dr José M. INORIZA, PhD



Dr Inoriza has a degree in Medicine and Surgery (Faculty of Medicine, University of Murcia, 1986), and a degree in Documentation (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, 2001). He holds a PhD from the University of Girona (2015).

In 1987 he joined the Spanish Navy where he completed the training program Specialist in Underwater Medicine at the Spanish Navy Diving Centre (1987-1989). After this training he worked as Diving Medical Officer in the SP B/S Poseidon (1989-1990) and later in the SP Submarine Flotilla as medical officer and specialist in positions related to planning and training of submarine crews in Escape and Rescue (1990-1994). He left the Spanish Navy in 1994 for a job in the civilian sector.

Since 1994 he has been linked to the Palamós Hospital Foundation - Serveis de Salut Integrats Baix Empordà (SSIBE). Between 1994-1997 he was responsible for the creation of the Unitat de Medicina Hiperbàrica (UMH) where he was the first medical director. Between 1997-2008 he remained linked to the UMH on a part-time basis. From July 2008 to the present day he is the medical director of the UMH coordinating a team of 6 doctors, 25 nurses and 4 hyperbaric technicians. In 2010, he supervised the installation of the current hyperbaric facility (HAUX-STARMED 2200/5,5/KB; 8 + 2 places). In this Unit he has been involved in the diagnosis and treatment of about 750 diving accidents and about 750 cases of carbon monoxide poisoning. Before the current SARS-CoV2 pandemic, the unit treated about 130 patients per year and provided about 2,500 treatment sessions.

He performed research related to the application of HBOT in carbon monoxide poisoning and in the after-effects of radiotherapy treatment of pelvic neoplasm, in projects funded by competitive public calls. He is the author of several papers in peer-reviewed journals and 2 book chapters. He has had teaching activity in several master's degree programs in different Spanish universities.

His other area of expertise is related to clinical coding systems, patient classification and health economics developing research activities in the field of Health Systems Evaluation and Health Outcomes. He also works in the SSIBE Research Department as a Senior Researcher. In this area he obtained his PhD and has published in peer-review journals.

Dr Inoriza is a founding member of the Spanish Association of Hyperbaric and Underwater Medicine (ASEMHS) and currently a member of its Board of Directors. He is a long-time member of EUBS and UHMS.