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Dr Azzopardi has studied medicine in Malta and continued his training as a Specialist in Haematology and Internal Medicine before starting his work in diving and hyperbaric medicine in Plymouth at the Diving Diseases Research Centre (DDRC) in 2016.

He then returned to Malta to work at the Mater Dei Hospital Hyperbaric Unit, with rotations in Critical Care / ITU, Anaesthesia, Cardiology and ENT, graduating with a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training in Baromedicine. He holds degrees in Diving Medicine (DMAC/EDTC Level 1 & Level 2D, DDRC, UK), Operational Underwater Medicine (Durban, South Africa) and Hyperbaric and Underwater Medicine (BScMedSchHons with distinction, Stellenbosch, South Africa).

Since January 2020, he is an Acting Consultant in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine at both the Malta and Gozo hyperbaric units. He is part of a team of 5 consultants covering the HBOT and emergency service 24/7, using three Haux chambers fully critical care capable under hyperbaric conditions.

He is an appointed court expert for diving accidents and fatalities within the Malta judicial court system and inquests. He has served as editor, reviewer and author for Cochrane systematic reviews on HBO use in delayed radiation injury. He is the author and editor of two academic textbooks in diving and hyperbaric medicine, due for publication in 2022. He is a reviewer for the joint SPUMS/EUBS journal, Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Journal, and has published in both DHM and UHMS journals.

He is a technical sidemount diver (of course), and is an avid internationally-awarded photographer in his free time, having published 35 photography books, as well as being recently elected to the post of President of the Malta Institute of Professional Photography.