

# COL ANTHONY CORCORAN

**MB, BCh, BAO, FRCPI (OM), FFOM (Ad Eundem), MSc Leadership,  
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Col Anthony Corcoran was appointed as the Director Medical Branch, Irish Defence Forces, in 2022. In his role, he is responsible for clinical governance, as well as the development of clinical policy and training & education. He is also the senior clinical advisor to the General Staff of the Irish Defence Forces.

Col Corcoran qualified as a doctor in 1996, and joined the Irish Defence Forces in 2000. He initially served as a Captain Medical Officer and was promoted to Commandant in 2004. In 2007 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and was appointed as Deputy Director Medical Branch in 2009. In 2019 he was appointed as Officer in Charge Clinical Delivery, Central Medical Unit HQ, before being promoted in 2022 to the rank of Colonel and taking up his current appointment.

Col Corcoran has served on six overseas tours-of-duty: twice in Lebanon, and once each in Eritrea, Liberia, Chad and Syria. In the course of his duties for the Defence Forces he has also worked in Kosovo, Bosnia and East Timor, as well as having served with the Irish contingent of the EU BattleGroup in 2008.

As well as his primary degree in medicine, MB BCh and BAO, Col Corcoran successfully completed a Higher Diploma in Occupational Health in 2006, as well as achieving his Licentiate of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (LFOM) from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) in the same year. In 2019, Col Corcoran was awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (FFOM) from the RCPI, and was then conferred with the Fellowship of the RCPI (FRCPI) in 2023. Col Corcoran also holds an MSc in Leadership, which he received in 2020 from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

Col Corcoran played a key role in the establishment of Military Medicine as a medical specialty in Ireland in 2015, as well as in the accreditation of the Specialist Training Programme in 2017, and was a founding member of the Faculty of Military Medicine of Ireland (FMMI). He is the Honorary Secretary of the Board of the FMMI, and is the National Specialty Director for the Military Medicine Training Scheme.

Col Corcoran is married to Eimear, and he has four children, Lucy, Sam, Hannah, and Austin. He is a keen runner, and has completed the Dublin City Marathon on four occasions.