

Major General Tim Hodgetts CB CBE KHS OStJ DL

Tim was commissioned in 1983 and trained at Westminster Medical School, qualifying with distinction in 1986. He holds fellowships with the Royal College of Physicians of London, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (*without examination*), Royal College of Emergency Medicine, Faculty of Public Health (*by distinction*), Faculty of Pre-hospital Care, Emergency Planning Society (*inaugural Honorary Fellow*), Institute of Healthcare Managers, Chartered Management Institute, and the Royal Geographical Society. He has a PhD in Public Health ("*A revolutionary approach to improving combat casualty care*"); a Master's in Medical Education; a Master's in Business Administration; and is a Chartered Manager. He graduated from Joint Command & Staff College (psc[j]) in 2011 and the Royal College of Defence Studies in 2018 (top Army member).

Tim's professional career began as a general physician in the British Military Hospital in Hannover, progressing to higher training in emergency medicine in Manchester and Sydney. He became Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Frimley Park Hospital from 1995, transferring to the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM) in 2001 on its inception, where he served until 2010. He was first appointed a Professor in 1998 at the European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, then at University of Birmingham (2001), City University of London (2013) and Defence University of Belgrade (Military Medical Academy) by distinction (2023). He was inaugural Defence Professor with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine from 2008-2010, and tenured Penman Foundation Professor of Surgery in South Africa for 2011.

Within Defence Tim has been responsible for nurturing the specialty of emergency medicine from infancy to maturity. He has implemented concept, doctrine, equipment and practice changes to transform the early management of combat injury and he led major trauma governance from 1997-2010. Clinical leadership appointments have included Defence Consultant Adviser in EM (1997-2008); and Assistant Director Clinical Services at RCDM (2001-2007). He has served on operations in hospitals in Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Oman, Afghanistan (3 tours), Kuwait and Iraq (4 tours). On 6 of these tours he was the hospital's Medical Director, including the multinational Danish-UK-US hospital in Afghanistan, 2009. From 2011-13 he was Medical Director within NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps; and from 2014-17 he was Medical Director for the Defence Medical Services. From 2018 until assuming his role as Surgeon General in May 2021 he has been the Army's Senior Health Advisor, the Head of the Army Medical Services and a Commissioner at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. In December 2021 Tim was elected by nations to be the senior medical representative in NATO, through appointment as Chair of the Committee of Military Medical Chiefs (COMEDS).

Tim has published extensively (>30 books & >150 journal articles) and regularly lectures internationally as a keynote speaker on leadership, crisis management, innovation, disaster medicine and combat casualty care. He is co-author of *Major Incident Medical Management and Support*, *Battlefield Casualty Drills*, *Army Team Medic*, *Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support*, *Pre-Hospital Paediatric Life Support*, *Firefighter Life Support*, and *Clinical Guidelines for Operations*. He co-founded the citizenAID® charity from 2017, designing a free multi award-winning app to support the public during a terrorist attack, and gifting to the charity the patent of his new device (the *Tourni-Key*®) to treat life-threatening limb bleeding. Tim is also a Trustee of The Poppy Factory and London's Air Ambulance charities.

Tim was made Officer of the Order of St John in 1999; Commander of the British Empire in 2009; and Companion of the Order of the Bath in 2023. He received the Danish Defence Medal for Meritorious Service in 2010, and the Order of Military Medical Merit (United States Army) in 2022. He was Queen's Honorary Physician from 2004 to 2010, became Queen's Honorary Surgeon in 2018 and has been King's Honorary Surgeon since 2022. Tim was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of West Midlands in 2023.

In 2010 Tim received the Defence Scientific Adviser's Commendation for contribution to research and has been awarded 18 academic medals, including the prestigious Mitchiner Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. His academic department was twice recognised nationally as the "Training Team of the Year" and in 2006 he was honoured with the personal accolade of *Hospital Doctor of the Year* throughout the NHS. He was named in a British Medical Association dossier as one of the most innovative doctors in the country. Tim has written contemporary war poetry for 25 years, exhibited at National Army Museum and performed at Edinburgh Fringe: this will be launched as a book at Edinburgh Fringe in 2024, with proceeds to The Poppy Factory.