

Alberto António Moreira Caldas Afonso

Born in Felgueiras on December 31, 1955, of Portuguese and Brazilian nationality.

Graduated in Medicine, Specializing in Pediatric Nephrology.

Internship at the Hospital de S. João, at the Clínica Infantil La Paz Pediatric Nephrology Service in Madrid; a long-term internship at the Pediatric Nephrology Service at the Necker - Enfants Malades Hospital in Paris.

Obtained the degrees of Professor of Pediatrics and Doctorate from the Faculty of Medicine of Porto (1994).

Course in Climatology and Hydrology at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto (1980).

Management Competence Course from the Portuguese Medical Association (2003).

Master's degree in Health Economics from the Catholic University of Porto (2002).

Health Management - AESE School of Business (2008).

Leadership Course at Insead Business School in Singapore (2014).

Medical Leadership Advocacy and Communication Course at the Mayo Clinic in Florida (2016).

Member of the National Council of the Portuguese Medical Association (2011 to date).

Representative of the Northern Regional Council of the Portuguese Medical Association on the National Medical Internship Commission (2011-2015).

Representative of the Northern Regional Council of the Portuguese Medical Association on the Plenary of the National Council of the Portuguese Medical Association (2011-2022).

Representative of the Portuguese Medical Association at CONFEMEL - World Medical Association of the Ibero-American Forum of Medical Entities (2012 to date).

Treasurer of the National Council of the Portuguese Medical Association (2012-2016 and 2023 to date).

Chairman of the Scientific Committee for Good Clinical Practice - Directorate-General for Health (2012-2015).

Member of the Council World Medical Association - Representation of the Portuguese Medical Association (2020-2025).

Representative of the Portuguese Medical Association in the Working Group on RSV cases (2021 to the present).

Coordinator of the Office for the National Test for Access to Specialized Training of the Portuguese Medical Association (2019 to date).

Director of the Pediatrics Service and Director of the Integrated Pediatric Hospital S. João (until 2016).

Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine of Porto.

Invited Full Professor of Pediatrics at ICBAS and Professor of the Pediatrics Curricular Unit at ICBAS (2016 to date).

Director of the Northern Maternal and Child Center of Santo António Hospital (2016 to date).

Director of the Integrated Master's Degree in Medicine (2018 to 2022).

Member of the International Research Group of the "Escape Trial" study of kidney failure in children, based in Heidelberg, Germany.

President of ESPN (European Society of Pediatric Nephrology).

Vice-president of the Commission for Reference Centers (Directorate-General for Health).

The main scientific areas of interest are focused on the development of kidney disease, diabetic nephropathy and the molecular mechanisms of disease progression and kidney protection, integrated in the Perinatal and Pediatric Epidemiology Research Group of the Epidemiology Department of the University of Porto (ISPU-EPIUNIT).

Involved in numerous clinical studies and published more than 200 articles in reputable international journals, including the New England Journal Medicine, on a wide variety of topics related to pediatric nephrology.