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Brigadier General Petter Iversen, MD, serves as the Norwegian Surgeon General and Commanding Officer of the Norwegian Armed Forces Joint Medical Services. With a career spanning clinical trauma surgery, military medical leadership, and international operations, he brings deep expertise in military medicine, operational readiness, and medical support to complex multinational missions.

A board-certified orthopedic trauma surgeon, BG Iversen has held senior clinical roles at Oslo University Hospital while serving in parallel as military surgeon, senior medical officer, and head of orthopedic surgery within the Norwegian Armed Forces. His operational experience includes multiple deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Gulf of Aden, supporting both military and civilian missions in high-threat environments.

Before assuming his current post, he served as Deputy Surgeon General, Executive Officer, and Chief of Staff of the Joint Medical Services. He is a graduate of the Norwegian Defence University College's staff and joint operations programs and maintains active credentials in community medicine and public health.

BG Iversen currently serves as Chair of the NATO Committee of the Chiefs of Military Medical Services and as Deputy Chairman of the Norwegian Health Emergency Council.

Passionate about service, resilience, and innovation in military healthcare, he is known for bridging clinical excellence with strategic leadership.