

General University Hospital Alicante

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Official name: Hospital General Universitario Dr. Balmis de Alicante **Address:** Calle Pintor Baeza, 12, 03010 Alicante, Spain **Phone:** +34 965 933 000

Website: alicante.san.gva.es

Founded: 1956

Total beds: 807

Operator: Generalitat Valenciana

University affiliation: University of Alicante

Historical Background

The hospital was renamed in 2021 in honor of **Dr. Francisco Javier Balmis**, a physician from Alicante who led the 19th-century Spanish expedition to spread smallpox vaccination across Latin America and Asia.

Services and Specialties

Medical Departments

- Cardiology
- Neurology

- Oncology
- Endocrinology
- Nephrology
- Pulmonology
- Hematology
- Rheumatology
- Infectious Diseases
- Internal Medicine

Surgical Units

- General Surgery
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedic and Trauma Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery

Specialized Units

- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- Burn Unit
- Rare Diseases Unit
- Breast Pathology Unit

Research and Innovation

The hospital is affiliated with **ISABIAL** (Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de Alicante). It actively participates in clinical research, innovation projects, and academic collaboration.

In 2024, it introduced **AI-powered diagnostic systems** for radiograph interpretation (chest and skeletal), improving accuracy and workflow efficiency.

Regional Referral Role

The hospital acts as a **reference center** for complex pathologies and procedures, including:

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Advanced digestive endoscopy techniques
- Neuro-oncology and pediatric neurosurgery
- Inter-hospital coordination across Alicante province (Denia, Elche, Alcoy, Orihuela, Elda, etc.)

The General University Hospital Dr. Balmis is a cornerstone of public health

in the Valencian Community, combining advanced care, medical education, and biomedical innovation.

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