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Major General (Doctor) Joseph Carvalho is the Joint Staff Surgeon at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He serves as the chief medical advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing advice to the Chairman, the Joint Staff, and the Combatant Commanders. He coordinates all issues related to Health Services to include operational medicine, force health protection, and readiness among the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Services.

Major General Carvalho graduated in 1979 with a BA in Mathematics from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. He was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC Program. In 1983, he graduated with a Medical Doctorate from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine, and was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps.

Clinically, Carvalho held positions as a staff internist, nuclear medicine physician, and cardiologist. He served as Chief of Cardiology at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, and as Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Womack AMC, Fort Bragg, N.C. His operational medical experience includes assignments as Surgeon, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan; Physician Augmentee, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; Surgeon, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; Deputy Chief of Staff, Surgeon, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; and as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Health Affairs, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg. He also commanded the 28th Combat Support Hospital and the 44th Medical Command (Rear) (Provisional), both at Fort Bragg. He has two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, most recently serving as the Surgeon for both Multi-National Force-Iraq and Multi-National Corps-Iraq. He then served in succession as the commanding general for Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke AMC; Northern RMC; and the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, MD. His most recent positions before becoming the Joint Staff Surgeon were as the Army Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the US Army Medical Command.

Major General Carvalho is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He earned the Special Forces and Ranger tabs and was awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge. He completed the Army Airborne and Flight Surgeon schools, as well as the Navy Dive Medical Officer and SCUBA courses. He holds current certification in nuclear cardiology, and he is a Certified Physician Executive. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters (2 OLC), Legion of Merit (OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Joint and Army Commendation Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC). He is also a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.