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Since 2017, she has been working as a physician in the ONT dedicated to: pediatric donation and transplantation, heart transplant, leads the committee of experts in bioethics of the ONT, and coordinates training and research activities related to ICOD through the Commission ONT-Semicyuc. Her interest in this topic became known with the publication of the article "Summary of the Spanish recommendations on intensive care to facilitate organ donation". Am J Transplantation. 2019 As competent authority in the European Committee on Organ Transplantation Council of Europe, she works in all aspects related to the guarantee of the quality process of donation and transplantation at European level. Among them, the publications on transplant tourism stand out. With the purpose of implementing pediatric organ donation, he led the production of the national guidelines "National Pediatric Donation Recommendations" published in Ann Pediatr (Barc) 2020; 93(2):134.e1-134.e9. She participated as an author in the "ISHLT consensus statement on donor organ acceptability and management in pediatric heart transplantation". J Heart Lung Transplant 2020;39(4):331-341. And in the article "Special issues in pediatric deceased organ donation". Intensive Care Med. 2019;45(3):361-363.

In 2018, she led a working group made up of cardiologists and immunologists from the 5 pediatric transplant hospitals in Spain and edited the National Protocol on ABO-incompatible heart transplantation. As a physician in the ONT, she works continuously 24h four days per month to solve all the problems that may arise in the coordination and transplant network. In addition, she reviews and advises the protocols for DCD donor heart transplant. She led the working group that published the "National Recommendations on Donation in cDCD in patients with neurodegenerative diseases" December 2021. She currently leads the group that is developing the National protocol for donation after MAID. Since the publication of his doctoral thesis, "Efficacy of triiodothyronine treatment in the hemodynamic management of the organ donor and the concentration of adenine nucleotides" in 2005, until today, the end of life and organ donation are his main research issues and ethical commitment. After a fellowship in transplantation and organ donation, she worked as a donor coordinator from 1999 to 2006 part-time while working as an physician in the ICUs of

different hospitals in Alicante until 2008.

From 2008 to 2013, she worked as a physician in the ICU of Fundación Hospital Alcorcón. From 2013 to 2017, she worked as a physician in the ICU at the Hospital de La Princesa. She fell in love with bioethics while attending the Harvard Clinical Bioethics Course in 2012. Her interest in becoming a bioethicist grew so much that she completed a first master's degree in bioethics at Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid 2011-12 . And the second in the U.S.A at Yale University, at the Interdisciplinary Institute of Bioethics, in 2013. His master's thesis was published in J Clin Ethics in 2017 "How Do Healthcare Providers Feel About Family Presence During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation?"

In the field of ethics and organ donation, she has been interested in the end of life and organ donation, the diagnosis of brain death and the ethics of donation after circulatory death. In collaboration with Professor De Lora, she published Dignifying Death and the Morality of Elective Ventilation Journal of Medical Ethics, 2013 and "DCD: What are we waiting for?" Organ Transplantation: Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects. Global Issues, Local Solutions W. Weimar, M.A. Bos, J.J. Busschbach (Eds.) They share a great interest in ethical issues in organ donation that give rise to research financed by the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness State Program for the Promotion of Scientific and Technical Research Public Fund for Excellence: "The rule of cadaver donor and organ donation after cardio-circulatory death: clinical ethical and legal challenges" 2013-2016. As part of their mutual interest in teaching they produce an online course in the edx platform: "Organ transplantation: Ethical and Legal Challenges".

Alicia's second vocation is teaching. She lectures at Stanford University in Madrid as part of the Bing Overseas Program from 2011 to nowadays.