

Dr. Planas earned his medical degree and Medical Oncology specialty in 1982 in the University of Barcelona (Spain). He is currently Director of the Palliative Care Unit (PCU) in the Hospital del Mar in Barcelona. He was Director of the Master of Palliative Care of the University of Barcelona. He has published over 60 research papers as well as text books in the areas of Oncology, Palliative Care and Music Therapy (MT). He is currently Associate Professor of Oncology in the University Autònoma of Barcelona.

In 2010 under the guidance of Prof. Andrew Rossetti, Dr. Planas developed the initial Project of Music Therapy as non-pharmacological treatment in patients in the PCU. Currently the program is directed by Dr. Planas and Prof. Nuria Escude. It is staffed with three Music Therapists and the students of the Master of MT directed by Prof. Nuria Escude. The program serves over 80 patients yearly and the program includes an active research component. Current research will be presented in this Conference.