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FACT SHEET: SARCOMA, THE ‘FORGOTTEN’ CANCER, KILLS 5,000 ANNUALLY

Sarcoma is a Little Known Cancer Sarcoma – a rare cancer that is often forgotten when cancer research funds are allocated — arises in a variety of tissue structures, including nerves, muscles, joints, bone, blood vessels, collectively referred to as the body’s connective tissues. Most frequently, sarcomas are found in the limbs, where the majority of the body’s connective tissue resides. Tumors are often hidden deep in the body, thus making it difficult for an early diagnosis, and when it is diagnosed, the tumor is frequently too large to provide hope of a cure. Children Most At Risk Sarcomas are most prevalent in children (20 percent of all childhood cancers) and are rare in adults (about 1 percent of all adult cancers). At any one time, an estimated 50,000 patients are struggling with sarcoma. Another 10,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, and 5,000 individuals are likely to die from sarcoma annually. Cure Successful in One of Two Cases Lumps and bumps on a body are warning signs that individual should see a doctors, the first step in treatment. Sarcoma is curable about 20 percent of the time by surgery, or by surgery combined with chemotherapy and/or radiation in another 30 percent of the cases. About half the time, sarcomas are totally resistant to all these approaches, thus the extreme need for new therapies. Urgent Need for Research The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA - www.curesarcoma.org) is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA raises its own funds to provide research grants to sarcoma researchers. SFA also interacts with public, private for-profit and private non-profit organizations to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients.

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Quick Facts About Sarcoma

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 10,000 new cases are diagnosed, and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

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