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DR. RAPHAEL POLLOCK TO JOIN THE SARCOMA FOUNDATION OF AMERICA MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Damascus, Maryland (July 13, 2009) – The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), an organization dedicated to increased research funding and advocacy for sarcoma, is pleased to announce that Raphael Pollock, MD, PhD has agreed to join its Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Pollock is the Head, Division of Surgery; Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In addition, he is Professor of Surgery and Director of the Section of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center.

“Dr. Pollack is a leading global figure in the battle against sarcoma,” said Mark Thornton, M.D., Ph.D., President, SFA. “We at the SFA welcome the opportunity to receive his guidance on research focus and policy issues to optimize our ability to improve the therapeutic outcomes for patients diagnosed with sarcoma.”

Dr. Raphael Pollock, MD, PhD was born in Chicago, IL where he received his primary and secondary school education. Dr. Pollock graduated from Oberlin College in 1972 with a BA in History (high honors). He received his MD degree from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri and then completed residency training in General Surgery at the University of Chicago and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center, Chicago, IL. This was followed by a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. Upon completion of fellowship training in 1984, Dr. Pollock joined the faculty in the Department of Surgical Oncology at The University of Texas. He completed PhD training at the Graduate School of the Biological Sciences, University of Texas Health Sciences Center / Houston in 1990, and was promoted to Associate Professor the following year. Dr. Pollock became Chairman of the Department of Surgical Oncology in 1993, was promoted to Professor in 1995, and became Head of the Division of Surgery at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in 1997.

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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 15-20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their

families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 12,000 new cases are diagnosed and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. The organization raises money to privately fund grants for sarcoma researchers and conducts education and advocacy efforts on behalf of sarcoma patients. For more information, please visit www.curesarcoma.org.