



Sarcoma Spotlight

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Sarcoma Awareness Month is Over, but the Work Does Not End

By Brandi Felser, Executive Director

This July, we joined together as a community for Sarcoma Awareness Month to honor patients and survivors, remember the loved ones we have lost, and raise awareness about sarcoma. We wore yellow, engaged in educational activities, and shared stories about patient journeys and our loved ones. Thousands of members of the sarcoma community joined SFA for our National Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma to help raise much needed funds for sarcoma research, and 14 million people were reached through the PSAs that were run in cities across the country. The combined efforts of the sarcoma community were effective in educating the world about sarcoma and no doubt lifted the voice of sarcoma patients and survivors.

Our work to create change for the sarcoma community, however, cannot end there. Of course, it is important that we better educate people about sarcoma and the needs of the sarcoma community, but that alone will not cure sarcoma. It is not enough to simply raise awareness - we have to turn awareness into action.

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20 Years of the Sarcoma Foundation of America

SFA Celebrates 20 Years of Sarcoma Research and Advocacy



As SFA celebrates our 20 year anniversary, we reflect not only on what we have accomplished, but also on what we [envision for the future](#).

Twenty years ago, SFA was founded to fill an unmet need – to fund and advocate for more sarcoma research and to encourage the development of new and better therapies for

sarcoma patients. Looking back at these past 20 years, we see the impact of our work. Sarcoma is no longer being left behind, we have harnessed resources to bring sarcoma to the front lines, and sarcoma awareness, research, and therapies have substantially increased. SFA is proud to have been a leader in these advancements.

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Make sure to check out our [20th Anniversary video!](#) We reflect back at all of the advancements in the past 20 years, but also look ahead to our shared vision and the work still to be done.

Advocates in Action

Make Your Voice Heard: Help Shape SFA's Education & Advocacy Programming



We want to hear from you! Take part in our education and advocacy survey to impact the kinds of programming, activities and topics that could help to improve your sarcoma knowledge and aide in your advocacy efforts.

Complete the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sfaeducationadvocacysurvey>.

Call to Action! Get Involved with Sarcoma Advocacy



Sarcoma Awareness Month may have come to an end, but that doesn't mean that advocacy efforts have to stop. Speak out on behalf of sarcoma patients and their families all year by reaching out to your Members of Congress and your local newspapers.

SFA has put together [sample letters to the editor and emails to legislators](#) that can help you raise awareness and connect with leaders who can influence policies that impact sarcoma patients and survivors. If you have any questions, need assistance, or want to learn more about how to get more involved with sarcoma advocacy, please contact us at programs@curesarcoma.org.

Research Roundup

SFA's Latest Live Expert Chat Now Available Online

Sarcoma Foundation of America
Live Expert Chat

RESEARCH REVIEW:
PROMISING RESEARCH
ADVANCEMENTS IN SARCOMA

Featuring:
Sujana Movva, MD
Katherine Thornton, MD
Jonathan Trent, MD, PhD



The link for our most recent Live Expert Chat, "Research Review: Promising Research Advancements in Sarcoma," is now available.

During the session, a panel of sarcoma experts highlighted research that was presented earlier this year at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. They shared insights and answered participant questions about research efforts.

Thank you to Drs. Movva, Thornton, and Trent for sharing their time and expertise with the sarcoma community.

If you missed the discussion, or if you want to watch again, you can find the link to the archived session on the SFA website at www.curesarcoma.org/education/.

Questions or comments? Please email us at programs@curesarcoma.

Sarcoma Research News Highlights

- Analysis of a trial published in The Lancet Oncology indicated that "adding pazopanib to neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy improved the rate of pathological near complete response, suggesting that this is a highly active and feasible combination in children and adults with advanced soft tissue sarcoma." [Read More: Pathological response in children and adults with large unresected intermediate-grade or high-grade soft tissue sarcoma..](#)
- Insights on how abnormal protein misdirects and disrupts the control of gene expression in cells could help with efforts to develop drugs for synovial sarcoma. [Read More: Dana-Farber study advances understanding of rare sarcoma](#)
- Christina L. Roland, MD, MS, FACS of the MD Anderson Cancer Center, talks to OncLive about the safety profile of neoadjuvant checkpoint blockade in patients with undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma and dedifferentiated liposarcoma. [Read More: Dr. Roland on the Safety of Neoadjuvant Checkpoint Blockade in Sarcoma](#)



SFA News

**Thank you for Supporting the
National Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma!**



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Race ^{to} Cure SARCOMA

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and has impacted events and functions across the country. The highest priority of the Sarcoma Foundation of America is the health and safety of our community. With that in mind, we decided to shift all spring events into a [National Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma](#) event. We were overwhelmed by the number of participants and supporters who were spread across 40 states as well as Canada. This event, in combination with our [Louisville](#), [Milwaukee](#), [San Francisco](#), and [Baltimore](#) events, which were also included in the National race, raised over \$332,000.

Although we were unable to join together in person this year, thanks to you, we were able to come together as a community and celebrate patients, survivors and ones we have lost because of the [personal stories and videos](#) that were shared. We thank every one who participated and hope that you will join us again, either virtually or in person.

Remaining 2020 Race to Cure Sarcoma Events Going Virtual

Important Update!

All of the remaining [2020 Race to Cure Sarcoma events](#) are going virtual.



Register for one of these great events and invite your friends and family to do the same. They can be anywhere in the country and support you and sarcoma research. It is important that we continue to support these events in order to continue to raise awareness and increase sarcoma research. Join one event or join them all. There is no limit to how involved you can be!

Upcoming Events

September 13: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma New Jersey](#)
September 20: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Kansas City](#)
October 2: [Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala](#)
October 3: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Denver](#)
October 4: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Philadelphia](#)
October 11: [STL Cure Sarcoma Virtual Run/Walk](#)
October 17: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago](#)

[Full list of all 2020 Race to Cure Sarcoma Events](#)