



# Sarcoma Spotlight

June 2020

## SFA Announces 2020 Research Grant Awards

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) recently announced the award of three-quarters of a million dollars in research funds to deserving scientists as part of our 2020 SFA Research Grant program. Fifteen research grants, each worth \$50,000, were awarded to researchers who have made it their mission to study sarcoma. All proposals are peer reviewed by members of the SFA Medical Advisory Board who award the grants to the best, most promising research toward the cure for sarcoma.

"The Sarcoma Foundation of America is honored to support the work of the 15 exceptional researchers that have been selected to receive a 2020 research grant award. We believe their efforts will contribute to increasing scientific understanding of sarcoma and can help lead us to advancements in the treatment of the disease," said Brandi Felser, Executive Director of the SFA. "Our investment in their work is a continuation of SFA's mission to fill the research funding gap and make progress in the pursuit of discovering the cure for sarcoma. We are proud that our efforts have made the SFA the leading research and sarcoma patient advocacy organization in the country."

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## Advocacy and Education Update

### SFA Hosts Second Live Expert Chat on Sarcoma & Coronavirus



Last month, the SFA hosted a second live expert chat on the COVID-19 pandemic, "Sarcoma & Coronavirus: What Now?" During the session, a panel of sarcoma experts responded to questions and concerns about how sarcoma patients may be impacted as localities around the United States begin the early phases of reopening. We are grateful to Drs. Kirsch, Van Tine, Weiss, and Wilky for sharing their time and expertise with the sarcoma community.

The session was recorded and has been made available for viewing online. 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/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/education/).

## Research Roundup

### Sarcoma Research News Highlights

- In May, the US Food and Drug Administration approved a new therapy as a fourth-line treatment for advanced gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST). [Read More: FDA Approves First Drug for Fourth-Line Treatment of Advanced Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors](#)



- The National Cancer Institute has announced the COVID-19 in Cancer Patients Study (NCCAPS), a natural history study of COVID-19 in people with cancer. Researchers want to follow cancer patients currently receiving treatment who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to learn more about how doctors can help to better manage treatment for people with cancer and COVID-19. [Read More: NCI COVID-19 in Cancer Patients Study \(NCCAPS\)](#)

## SFA News

### Honor Sarcoma Awareness Month by Taking Part in the National Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma



In celebration of Sarcoma Awareness Month, SFA invites you to join us for the [National Race to Cure Sarcoma Virtual event](#) on July 25, 2020.

July is an important month for the sarcoma community because it is a time dedicated to those who have been touched by sarcoma. Although we are miles apart, we are connected through our common goal to find a cure for this disease. Join us as we virtually gather together to raise much needed awareness and research dollars in support of sarcoma patients and survivors and ultimately an end to sarcoma.

The National Race to Cure Sarcoma Virtual Event is a 5K - or any distance you would like - event that ANYONE can run or walk from any location you choose. You can run, jog, or walk on the road, on the trail, on the treadmill, at the gym or on the track. You get to run your own race, at your own pace, and time it yourself.

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## Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Atlanta Smashes Fundraising Goal

A global pandemic couldn't stop the sarcoma community or the Race to Cure Sarcoma Atlanta! Despite being rescheduled and then converted into a virtual event, RTCS Atlanta smashed the original fundraising goal, bringing in more than \$53,000 for sarcoma research. Thank you to everyone who took part or supported the efforts of the #VirtualRTCSAtlanta!



It's not too late to show support to the 300 participants who made the Virtual RTCS Atlanta a success. You can continue to make donations throughout the year at [www.curesarcoma.org/atlanta](http://www.curesarcoma.org/atlanta).

## Upcoming Events

**July 25:** [National Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Event](#)

**August 15:** [Race to Cure Sarcoma Denver](#)

**September 13:** [Race to Cure Sarcoma New Jersey](#)

**September 20:** [Race to Cure Sarcoma Kansas City](#)

**October 2:** [Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala](#)



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