

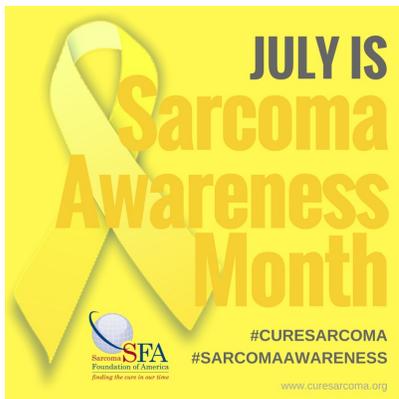


SFA Spotlight - July 2018

Welcome to our newsletter! Please be on the lookout for this newsletter every month as a way to keep you more involved and engaged with information important to the SFA community.

Please be sure to include sfainfo@curesarcoma.org in your address book. If you do not wish to receive this email on a monthly basis, please [contact us](#).

Sarcoma Awareness Month



July is Sarcoma Awareness Month. Though the Sarcoma Foundation of America works tirelessly every day to raise awareness, during Sarcoma Awareness Month we aim to further highlight the extraordinary challenges that sarcoma patients face and the need for more sarcoma research and better sarcoma therapies. Each person in the sarcoma community has the power to make an impact and help increase awareness for this relentless cancer. Let's come together to generate needed resources for research!

There are several ways that you can help build more attention to sarcoma during July. First, spread sarcoma awareness through social media. We've put together shareable graphics and banners to help spread the word. These graphics are available on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

You can also share our new [Public Service Announcements](#) (PSA). Listen to the PSAs, share with your friends, and ask your favorite radio station to consider playing them.

Want a more active way to be involved? Check out our new [Steps to Cure Sarcoma Challenge](#). You can read more about the challenge in the story below.

Other ways to be involved during Sarcoma Awareness Month can be found on our website at www.curesarcoma.org/sarcoma-awareness-month/.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our mission and your efforts to advocate for sarcoma patients and their families during Sarcoma Awareness Month.

Take Steps to Cure Sarcoma During

Sarcoma Awareness Month

To focus attention on the need for resources during Sarcoma Awareness Month, we are launching the brand new Steps to Cure Sarcoma campaign!

Steps to Cure Sarcoma is not a race, it's a walk in the park. Or in your backyard. This is a challenge that you can do anywhere, anytime in July!



Visit <https://stepstocuresarcoma.greatfeats.com/> and register for the 6,000 step challenge, 16,000 step challenge, or create your own challenge to show how you are taking steps to cure sarcoma. Set up a fundraising page and then get walking!

Please share this info with friends and family members. We need them to register too! We so appreciate all your support and can't wait to see your success along this journey.

SFA Receives Prestigious Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating



The Sarcoma Foundation of America is proud to have once again received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. This rating signifies that we're accountable, transparent, and financially healthy. This is the fourth consecutive 4-star rating for the SFA.

Only 13 percent of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received four consecutive received 4-star ratings. "It is an honor to be acknowledged by Charity Navigator for our our

commitment to accountability and transparency," said Rich Rumsey, SFA CEO. "We want our donors to know that we take seriously the trust that they have in us to be good stewards of the gifts that enable us to fulfill our mission."

Check out our [Charity Navigator](#) profile to learn more.

New Race to Cure Sarcoma™ Dates Announced for Kansas City, Tampa, and San Francisco



SAVE THE DATES!

KANSAS CITY - SEPTEMBER 23

TAMPA - NOVEMBER 11

SAN FRANCISCO - DECEMBER 2

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The dates for the newest events in the [Race to Cure Sarcoma](#) series are now official! Registration is not yet open for Kansas City, Tampa, or San Francisco, but mark your calendars to save the dates. Be on the lookout for an announcement when the registration sites go live.

For full list of 2018 Race to Cure Sarcoma™ locations, please visit www.racetocuresarcoma.org.

Another Successful Year for the Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma 5K

By Cathy Dolhi, Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma

Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma (PCS) kicked off Sarcoma Awareness Month with a bang!! The 8th annual [PCS 5K Walk/Run](#) was held under sunny skies on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at The Boathouse of North Park in Allison Park, PA. Having reached a 7-year cumulative total of over \$1 million to benefit sarcoma research, this year's event was the first in the group's quest for raising another million.



The PCS 5K had something for everyone! In addition to the walk/run, the attendees had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for more than 100 items, including autographed sports memorabilia, an iPad, a 3-day fishing trip Canada, and other items too numerous to mention! The annual 50/50 raffle yielded a prize of over \$800 to a lucky winner! The children were not to be left out - they had the chance to have their faces painted, play in the bouncy-house, and interact with princesses and several other local organizational mascots. All attendees enjoyed a post-race cookout.

Along with the event participants, the support of a dedicated planning committee, a cadre of more than 100 volunteers, and the generosity of local and national corporate sponsors, the event raised critical funds for sarcoma research. Although the numbers are still being finalized, the group can confirm over 1,500 participants and a gross revenue total of more than \$130,000!

The funds raised have made a difference by supporting determined scientists who are transforming the latest research discoveries into pioneering therapies, making a difference from the bench to the bedside. Although this year's event was an incredible success, PCS is not stopping now - plans are underway for the 2019 event that is planned for June 15.

The Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma 5K event is organized in cooperation with the SFA. The goal is to raise both awareness and resources for sarcoma research through the SFA and the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center's Sarcoma Research Fund.

Epithelioid Sarcoma Infographic

For Sarcoma Awareness Month, Epizyme has developed an infographic to spread awareness for epithelioid sarcoma. [Click here](#) to view and download the infographic in its entirety.

What You Need To Know About Epithelioid Sarcoma

Just the Facts

Sarcomas are a type of cancer that occur in hard tissues like bone or soft tissues like muscle. Sarcomas occurring in soft tissue like muscle, fat, skin, nerves and blood vessels are called soft tissue sarcomas. There are more than 50 types of soft tissue sarcoma, including epithelioid sarcoma (ES).

ES is a rare type of sarcoma that forms as a hard lump in the soft tissue under the skin or elsewhere in other soft tissue such as the abdomen or groin.

Who Does ES Affect?

ES is ultra-rare, and is estimated to affect less than **1,000 people** in the U.S. annually.

Although it can affect people of all ages and genders, ES is more likely to **affect men and young adults.**

Forms of ES

ES occurs in two forms:

- 1 Distal-type**
 - Classic form, typically affects teenagers and young adults
 - Associated with more favorable survival rates
 - Typically affects hands, forearms, feet and ankles
- 2 Proximal-type**
 - Rarer form, mainly affects older adults and is more aggressive
 - Associated with less favorable survival rates
 - Typically affects torso

The complete infographic can be found at www.curesarcoma.org/epithelioid-sarcoma-infographic/.

Get Involved!

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 10:
[14th Annual Marcia Brodsky Cure Sarcoma Golf](#)



[Outing](#)

Saturday, September 8:

[9th Annual Celebrating the Life of Steve Byrne](#)

Sunday, September 9:

[Race to Cure Sarcoma Philadelphia](#)

Friday, September 14:

[3rd Annual Patrick Waibel Memorial Golf Outing](#)

Saturday, September 15:

[Race to Cure Sarcoma Denver](#)

Interested in hosting an event in your area? Contact us at events@curesarcoma.org.

Looking for volunteer opportunities or other ways to get involved? Contact us at getinvolved@curesarcoma.org.

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