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As artificial intelligence and data-driven research continue to evolve, we are seeing a significant increase in opportunities aimed at improving outcomes for sarcoma patients. Over the past several months, the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation has been approached by multiple organizations seeking collaboration, from beta testing new platforms to engaging patients for feedback and research participation.

While we carefully evaluate each request to ensure alignment with our mission and patient-first values, two recent opportunities stand out as especially meaningful to share with our community:

1. Surgical Experience & Treatment Decision Study

A research team at a university in Alabama is seeking feedback from sarcoma surgery patients about their treatment journey. The goal is to better understand how patients make surgical decisions, what information was most helpful, and how care teams can improve communication and shared decision-making. Patient voices are critical in shaping more informed, compassionate, and effective surgical care in the future.

2. FDA Drug Repurposing Initiative - CURE ID

We have also been invited to collaborate with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on an initiative focused on drug repurposing, called CURE ID. This initiative is exploring how existing approved medications may be used in new ways to treat difficult or rare diseases like sarcoma. Drug repurposing has the potential to accelerate access to treatment options, reduce development time, and lower costs by building on medications that already have established safety data.

These opportunities reflect growing national recognition of the importance of rare cancer communities and the power of patient-reported data. As always, participation in any research initiative is voluntary, and we remain committed to sharing only those opportunities that prioritize patient safety, transparency, and meaningful impact.

Let's hope that with continued advancements in AI and research innovation, we will see better, more effective treatment options for sarcoma. Your voice matters. Share your experiences. Be part of historic changes in sarcoma care. Help us accelerate progress and move closer to finding a cure for sarcoma.

We will continue to keep our community informed as these collaborations develop and will provide additional details on how to participate for those who are interested. Together, we can shape the future of sarcoma research and care.

Volunteer with us!

Inquire about the 2026 meeting schedule - email: info@nwsarcoma.org

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SURVEY'S FOR PATIENTS

UAB The University of
Alabama at Birmingham.

Surgical Experience & Treatment Decision Study:

If you've been diagnosed with cancer in the past 2 years and met with a surgeon, UAB researchers invite you to complete a brief, anonymous 10-minute survey about your treatment decision experience. Your input can help improve how doctors communicate with patients.

Survey link: https://uab.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1OmDi6x2VzofmK

IRB: UAB IRB-300015226-002

Visit the link to learn more

<https://cure.ncats.io/pilot-overview/sarcoma>

CURE ID

Sarcoma Patients, Care Partners, or Healthcare Providers

Learn how YOUR experience may help to inform future research, identify promising treatments, or treatments that are ineffective or harmful.

These treatment experiences may also inform the drugs studied in clinical trials.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Casual Chats are free events, register once, the same Zoom link each time.

[Adult patients & survivors](#): Second Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting, 3/11/2026 6 - 7 p.m.

Led by either Jo McNeal, Chelsea Winn, or volunteer peer-led by Aaron Couch.

HOPE IN ACTION - JACKIE'S STORY

Jackie Dino was a joyful person, quick to smile, grounded in faith, and devoted to her family. Even in her hardest moments, she never let go of hope.

In 2013, while living in Southern California, Jackie began experiencing



Jackie, never let go of hope.

abdominal pain and scheduled a check-up. Her physician ordered an ultrasound followed by an MRI. The scans revealed what appeared to be a large tumor in her uterus, and surgery was scheduled just two weeks later. It was only after the operation, when a tumor roughly the size of a chicken was removed, that Jackie received the diagnosis: leiomyosarcoma.

Race With Us -
No One Fights Cancer Alone



MDR by Black Sheep Racing
In memory of Jaqueline Dino,
who fought hard for 11 years.

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[Full Story](#)

Jackie's family races in her honor to raise funds for the NW Sarcoma Foundation. [LEARN MORE](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



2026 EVENTS



Register Today

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

APRIL

25 **Researchers Update Night**
Topic: Ewing Sarcoma

4 **FHCC Sarcoma Patient and Caregiver Education Program**

Virtual

10 **Celebrating 30 years with a Lab Tour at Fred Hutch**

Seattle, WA

15 **Celebrating 30 years with a Lab Tour at OHSU**

Portland, OR

MAY

JUNE

7 **Hope Grows Here**
Portland, OR

14 **Hope Grows Here**
Seattle, WA



23 **Researchers Update Night**
Topic: TGCT

JULY

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Sarcoma Awareness Month



12 **Dragonslayer Fantasy Dash/Strut**
Portland, OR

19 **Dragonslayer Fantasy Dash/Strut**
Seattle, WA



TBD **Patient Education Night**
Topic: Kids and Cancer

TBD **CME PCP/General Onc. Sarcoma Symposium**

Seattle, WA

NOVEMBER

10 **Patient Education Night**

Topic: Wills, Trust, & POA



2026 Sarcoma Patient and Caregiver Education Program

Saturday, April 4, 2026 • 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. PT

To register, visit:
[2026SarcomaEvent](https://2026SarcomaEvent.com)
or scan the QR code.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Thirty & Thriving!

Celebrate this milestone on
April 10, at 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Fred Hutch Cancer Center with a tour of the Chapuis Lab.



Seattle Registration

April 15th | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Oregon Health and Science University with a tour of the Davare Lab.



Portland Registration

Appetizers, non-alcoholic drinks, and cake to celebrate!

Our 30th anniversary, our pearl anniversary, marks three decades of growth, resilience, and deepened organizational expertise. This milestone is an opportunity not only to celebrate how far we have come, but also to further strengthen our relationship with you. We invite you to join us for this special occasion to visit labs at Fred Hutch Cancer Center and Oregon Health and Science University, and celebrate 30 years of impact together.



5/7/2026 @ 6 p.m. Imperial Bottle Shop | Portland, OR
Tickets: \$50.00

[PDX TICKETS](#)

5/14/2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Lakeside North Room | Seattle, WA
Tickets: \$75.00

[SEA TICKETS](#)



9/12/2026 @ 9 a.m. Gabriel Park | Portland, OR
Registration: \$30.00 - til 7/31/2026, then prices increase.

[PDX REGISTRATION](#)

9/19/2026 @ 9 a.m. Magnuson Park | Seattle, WA
Registration: \$30.00 - til 7/31/2026, then prices increase.

[SEA REGISTRATION](#)

FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL MEDIA BESTS

What is Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy is a systemic cancer treatment that uses powerful drugs to destroy rapidly dividing cancer cells throughout the body. It works by disrupting the cell cycle to stop cancer from growing, spreading, or to shrink tumors.

Doxorubicin is one of the frontline chemotherapy treatments for many sarcomas (and other cancers). It was discovered in 1969 and came to the US in 1974.

It is known as the red devil due to its intense red color and with it comes many side effects:

- nausea & vomiting
- joint, lower back, side, & stomach pain
- hair loss
- fast or irregular heartbeat



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PEComa's are a very rare #sarcoma, which are often misdiagnosed. Advocate for yourself, get the answers you need and want as early as possible.
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