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What's advancing in sarcoma



A new trial drug for Ewings and osteosarcoma

A new clinical trial led by Penn State College of Medicine is testing a drug for children and young adults with aggressive bone cancers.



The FDA has launched a web portal called **Cure ID**, designed to collect information about treatments and outcomes for people with rare cancers, including sarcoma. The platform allows patients, care partners, advocates, clinicians, and researchers to share real-world experiences with sarcoma treatments.



Leiomyosarcoma, a new combination

A study showed that a combination of two agents given by mouth, the targeted treatment cabozantinib and the chemotherapy drug temozolomide, can be effective in halting disease progression in advanced leiomyosarcoma.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

5/7/2026 @ 6 p.m. Imperial Bottle Shop | Portland, OR

Tickets: \$50.00



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

Tickets: \$75.00

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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



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

Adult patients & survivors: Second Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting, 4/8/2026 6 - 7 p.m.

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





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

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HOPE IN ACTION - CORRIE LOWRY

The Long Road: A Story of Resilience, Family, and Survival

My cancer story is a bit of a saga, so bear with me. It all started back in 2006; I was 20 years old and a college cheerleader at Savannah College of Art and Design, getting a double major in Art History and Fiber Arts. During my sophomore year, I fell during a stunt—not bad, but enough to notice a knotted muscle. Back home, I was told to get an MRI, and it was diagnosed as an aggressive fibrosarcoma in my glute.

I continued with the recommended surgery—an amputation of said muscle group—along with four months of radiation. A year later, the tumors grew back in the radiated scar tissue. The doctors suggested four months of IV chemo that touted a 70% success rate, but for me, it didn't touch the tumors.

Here I was in 2008, three months into my hospital chemo, and my husband proposed. He married me bald as a billiard, not caring if I lived one day, one year, or if he'd be a forever caretaker; he just wanted more time with me. We started our new life together trying everything the internet said cured cancer—EVERYTHING. It didn't work. The tumors spread.

In 2011, I got pregnant and the doctor told me I would not be able to go full term and it would most likely kill me. I ignored them and persevered through the growing tumors as they pushed through the sciatic notch in my pelvis, crowding my growing baby. It did almost kill me, but I delivered a beautiful, healthy boy. Unable to walk, with debilitating neuropathy and paralyzed on my right side, we searched for help. Every major hospital said I had five years to live and the best option was to search out palliative care. Not what you want to hear as a new mom!

With tireless research, consults, and prayer, my husband came across palliative "debulking" style cryoablation: surgically freezing off chunks of tumor growth every six weeks for three years. All the while, I was applying to every clinical trial available. With no success, I finally came to Seattle in 2017; after yet another denial to be a candidate for a trial, they suggested Proton radiation. It was a Hail Mary, but seven weeks of treatment and three years of intensive rehab back home meant I could walk again.

The punishing fact many don't say—and I really don't like saying it myself—is that relentless cancer like this takes nearly everything from you. I lost my job. We lost the house. My husband was demoted and nearly fired for too much time off work. Family, friends, and community were exhausted and depleted of any further resources. Stress was everywhere.

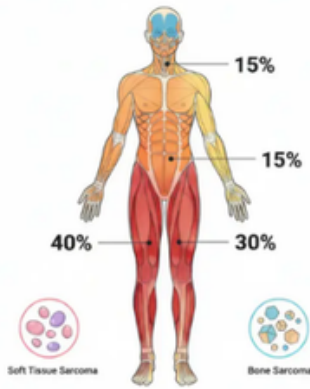
And just when life seems normal again, an MRI shows more tumors... so here I am again, doing Proton radiation on a new site (2025). There are, in fact, more tumors beyond these, but I'll deal with those in a different way in a different year. My challenges have been substantial. I'm in great awareness they will continue, but I am grateful for any and all help.

As many cancer patients will tell you, there isn't much out there to help with the critical burdens of medical: housing, transportation, and financial bills. And most of the time, it's the little things that make the biggest impact. Having a safe, quiet, dependable place to sleep, somewhere to make my own healthy meals, and having transportation to treatment really made medical treatments possible for me.

To all of you, thank you.

APRIL'S SOCIAL MEDIA BESTS

Sarcoma Cancer Overview & Body Distribution



Anatomical overview showing where sarcoma cancer most commonly develops in the human body.

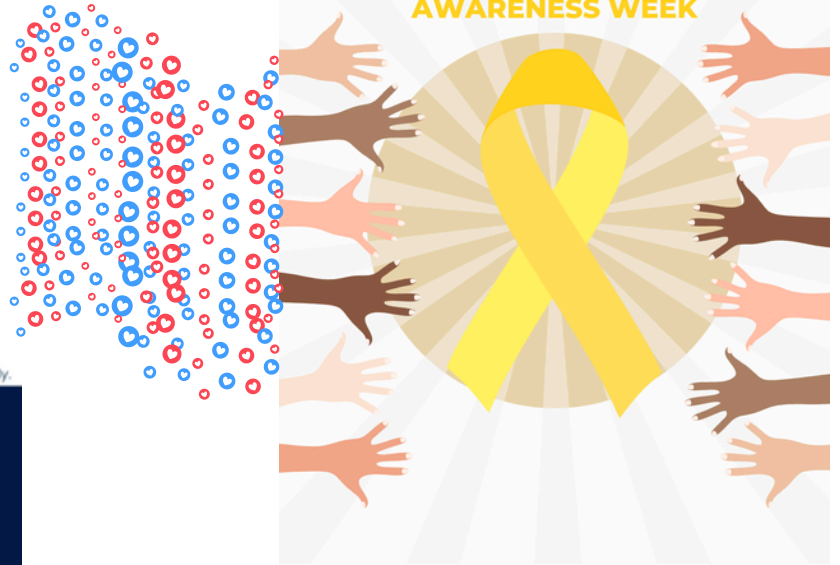
7 Early Symptoms You Shouldn't Ignore:

- Painless Lump or Mass
- Persistent Bone Pain
- Unexplained Fractures
- Swelling Without Injury
- Limited Range of Motion
- Abdominal Pain or Fullness
- Unintentional Weight Loss

Source: www.mymedicineadvisor.com

According to an article on My Medicine Advisor's website by Dr. Isabella Moretti, MD (Oncology), Dr. Omar Hassan, MD (Internal Medicine), and Dr. Carlos Ramos, MD (Orthopedics and Sports Medicine), "Sarcoma cancer has an 83% survival rate when detected early." #Sarcoma #EarlyDetection #DragonslayersUnite

YOUNG ADULT CANCER AWARENESS WEEK



This week, we acknowledge #YoungAdultCancerAwarenessWeek. There were an estimated 85,480 new cancers among adolescents and young adults in 2025, which accounted for roughly 4.2% of cancers at any age. For more statistics, take a look at the National Cancer Institute.

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