

A Forgotten Cancer

Why is it so few people know about sarcoma?



What is sarcoma anyhow?

It's a cancer that's rare in adults.

About **1%** of all adult cancers are sarcomas.

But, it's not so rare in kids.

About **15-20%** of all kids' cancers are sarcomas!

But these percentages don't tell the whole story.

Because so many people around the world get cancer.



It means there are **hundreds of thousands** of patients and their families struggling with sarcoma worldwide every day!

Who might have sarcoma?

Your little brother

Moms & Dads

Small babies

Friends

Your grandparents

Your older sister

Young adults

Neighbors

People in every country on the planet



Sarcoma Knows No Borders



What did you say sarcoma is again?

It is a cancer of the connective tissues, such as nerves, muscles, cartilage, joints, bone, or blood vessels. It's frequently hidden deep in the limbs.

There are **over 50 subtypes** of sarcoma. Some of them are: **angiosarcoma**, **ASPS**, **CCS**, **chondrosarcoma**, **chordoma**, **Ewing's sarcoma**, **GIST**, **leiomyosarcoma**, **liposarcoma**, **MFH**, **osteosarcoma**, **rhabdomyosarcoma**, and **synovial sarcoma**.

Some are very aggressive.

How are sarcomas treated?

When possible, sarcoma patients have surgery to remove the cancer.

Surgery is often combined with chemotherapy and/or radiation.

Why are sarcomas dangerous?

They are often **misdiagnosed**. Sometimes they are thought to be sports injuries.

When they are diagnosed, they may be large and difficult to remove surgically and they may have spread elsewhere in the body.

Many sarcomas resist current treatments.

What needs to be done?

1. Increase public awareness of sarcoma.
2. Help make sure patients are treated at recognized sarcoma centers.
3. Raise funds to support sarcoma research and clinical trials.
4. Urge congress to give more money to NCI to fight cancer.

How can I help?

During the week of **July 12-20, 2008** events will be held in cities, **worldwide**, to increase public awareness of sarcoma and to raise funds for sarcoma research.

This set of events is called the **2008 Team Sarcoma Initiative.**

Think of the Team Sarcoma Initiative as an International Sarcoma Awareness Week

People from all over the globe will walk, run, bike, swim, hike, spin – do whatever – to bring awareness to sarcoma.

Many of the events will be covered by the press and many by TV News broadcasts, all bringing attention to this forgotten cancer.

You want to help?

Form a Team Sarcoma

Join a Team Sarcoma

Sponsor a Team Sarcoma Participant

We'd like to have **5,000** people worldwide participate. Can you imagine our impact if we'd have **10,000**?

Who Participates?

Patients

Survivors

Caregivers

Nurses



Sarcoma Centers

Sarcoma Advocacy Groups

Family & Friends

Physicians

In short, anyone who wants to help find a cure for cancer.

Visit the Following Webpages For More Information

- Sarcoma Centers

<http://TINYURL.COM/3YSUK9>

- Sarcoma Advocacy Groups

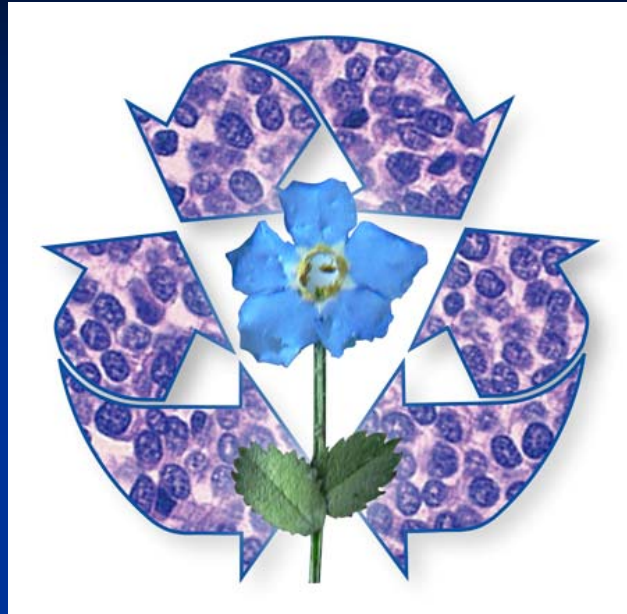
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- Sarcoma Support Groups

<http://TINYURL.COM/3BYLG7>

- 2008 Team Sarcoma Initiative

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