

What is Sarcoma?

Sarcoma is a rare cancer of the connective tissues, such as nerves, muscles, joints and bones. It can arise anywhere in the body and is frequently hidden deep in the limbs. About 1% of adult cancers and about 15% of children's cancers are sarcomas.

Sarcomas 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 metastasized. When possible, sarcoma patients have surgery to remove the cancer. Surgery is often combined with chemotherapy and/or radiation. Unfortunately, many sarcomas resist current treatments.

Sarcoma Knows No Borders

It can appear anywhere in the body.

It does not discriminate based on age, gender, race or nationality.

What is the Need?

Research Funding. In order to develop better treatments for sarcoma, researchers need to study the unique types of sarcoma and learn more about them. Many sarcoma researchers must rely on private funding, because government funds are used for the more well-known cancers. **Information.** Patients and professionals need access to current information about dozens of types of sarcoma and their treatment. **Support.** Patients and their families need to know that others understand. It helps to see people in their communities come together in supportive action.

The Power of Giving

The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative is a small, dedicated organization that maintains an extremely low overhead. Thus, between 97-100% of donations are used to support sarcoma research.

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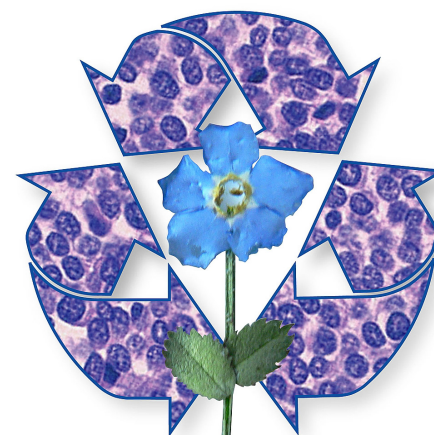
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for people dealing with sarcoma

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Our Philosophy

At the Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative, we believe that increased public awareness of sarcoma will lead to increased research funding, and research will ultimately lead to a cure for sarcoma.

Our Mission

The mission of the Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative is to improve the quality of life for people dealing with sarcoma. The Initiative increases public awareness of sarcoma, raises money to award sarcoma research grants, and provides support and timely information to sarcoma patients, their families, and medical professionals. These efforts are achieved through collaboration with numerous individuals and organizations that share a similar vision.



Empowering Patients and Families

The information at SarcomaHelp.org empowers patients and their loved ones to understand and deal with specific types of sarcoma and to discuss potential treatment options with their medical teams.

Our Initiatives

Sarcoma Research Funding

The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative funds research that is targeted at finding a cure for sarcoma, as well as research that attempts to develop more effective treatment regimens than those currently available.

Our Research Grants Program is highly selective: study proposals are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed by sarcoma experts. Only the most promising research receives funding. A sample of past grant recipients includes:

- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Fondazione IRCCS Istituto dei Tumori (Italy)
- Johns Hopkins Medical School
- Georgetown University
- Huntsman Cancer Institute
- M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
- St. Vincent's Hospital (Australia)
- Tianjin Cancer Hospital and Institute (China)

The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative has funded well over \$1 million in research grants. Our goal is to ensure that funds are available for every study that is approved through peer-review. Most of these funds are contributed by families and friends who have been affected by sarcoma.

Accurate and Timely Information

The Electronic Sarcoma Update Newsletter (ESUN) is an online, bi-monthly, peer-reviewed newsletter that contains articles of interest to patients, caregivers, physicians, and nurses. ESUN has regular columns discussing:

- Specific sarcomas
- Current issues in sarcoma treatment
- Recent research findings
- Answers to readers' questions
- Stories of courage and hope

ESUN's articles are written and reviewed by experts in sarcoma research and practice. The content of ESUN is incorporated into the Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative's website, making it the most comprehensive source of sarcoma information on the Internet.

Team Sarcoma

In 2003, the Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative held the first "Team Sarcoma" bike tour with seven participants. Since then, tens of thousands of people have joined in Team Sarcoma events around the world. These events are as diverse as the people who are affected by sarcoma. They include walks, runs, bike rides, hula hoop competitions, surfing challenges, and educational activities. This global effort has increased sarcoma awareness and raised millions of dollars for sarcoma research.



"This was a wonderful experience for my family; the connections and camaraderie at this year's event left everyone feeling exuberant and hopeful. We can make a difference!"

- Adriane, California

You Can Help

The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative invites you to host an event in your neighborhood to support sarcoma research. Choose an activity that will interest your community, and choose a time of year that works best for you. Team leaders can even choose the type of sarcoma research to fund through our renowned Research Grants Program. Help us change the world for everyone facing sarcoma! Contact us to learn more about this exciting opportunity.