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## **The Osteosarcoma Institute Launches the Osteosarcoma Information Hotline**

*The Osteosarcoma Institute, in collaboration with the HonorHealth Research Institute, introduces a new source of reliable information for patients and families confronting osteosarcoma, a deadly bone cancer primarily affecting adolescents and young adults*

*Dallas, Texas and Scottsdale, Arizona— June 24, 2019* — The Osteosarcoma Institute, in collaboration with the HonorHealth Research Institute, today launched The Osteosarcoma Information Hotline ([www.osteosarcoma.info](http://www.osteosarcoma.info)), a virtual navigation service to provide answers to patients who have been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a bone cancer which most often affects adolescents and young adults.

“Learning that you or a loved one has osteosarcoma can be devastating and overwhelming,” said Lee J. Helman, MD, Director of the Osteosarcoma Institute. “The Osteosarcoma Information Hotline was created to give patients and their families access to the reliable information and guidance they need to make informed decisions and become effective self-advocates.”

### **A Virtual Navigator**

Callers to the Osteosarcoma Information Hotline will speak with an experienced oncology nurse navigator, who will gather information and questions for review by a sarcoma expert physician. Guidance on matters such as available treatments and possible side effects, and helpful advice for getting the most out of visits with the patient’s oncologist will be provided to the patient and/or their family, with follow up as needed.

The Osteosarcoma Information Hotline is provided free of charge as a service of the Osteosarcoma Institute and builds off the knowledge and experience developed by the HonorHealth Research Institute through their Virtual Online Nurse Navigation Program in other cancer types.

### **About the Osteosarcoma Institute**

The Osteosarcoma Institute ([www.osinst.org](http://www.osinst.org), [@OSInstitute](https://twitter.com/OSInstitute)), is a 501(c)(3) public charity formed in 2017 to dramatically improve treatments for osteosarcoma patients, particularly those with relapsed and metastatic disease. It funds pre-clinical research to gain understanding of the

biology of osteosarcoma, and clinical trials to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of potential new treatments.

### **About HonorHealth**

HonorHealth is a nonprofit health system serving an area of 1.6 million people in the greater Phoenix area. The network encompasses five acute-care hospitals, an extensive medical group, outpatient surgery centers, a cancer care network, clinical research, medical education and community services. HonorHealth's mission is to improve the health and well-being of those we serve. Learn more at [HonorHealth.com](http://HonorHealth.com).

The HonorHealth Research Institute is helping shape the future of medicine. We're finding cures and improving treatments in areas like gene therapy, early drug and device development, and early detection and prevention of disease. Through our clinical trials and applied research, we've given hope and improved the lives of patients from all 50 states and 28 different countries around the globe. Our advanced technologies and cutting-edge treatment options are introducing tomorrow's cures, today. Find a clinical trial or learn more at [HonorHealth.com/research-institute](http://HonorHealth.com/research-institute).

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