

Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA)

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. The organization privately funds grants for sarcoma researcher and conducts education and advocacy efforts on behalf of sarcoma patients.

As the largest and most visible sarcoma organization, SFA is the first line resource for all things sarcoma.

SFA is the largest and most comprehensive organization representing the sarcoma community. We are also the largest private funder of research in the community having invested over \$24 million and generated over \$26 million in follow-on funding for sarcoma research.

SFA represents tens of thousands of members in all 50 states.

Priorities

SFA's mission is to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with sarcoma to increase the number of survivors. We do this by funding and advancing research, educating and providing resources for people diagnosed with sarcoma, advocating on behalf of the community, bringing together the collective sarcoma voice, and growing awareness about the disease.

SFA aims to eliminate pain and suffering due to sarcoma by:

- Funding translational research grants that will lead to new sarcoma therapies.
- Advocating for increased government funding for sarcoma research.
- Advocating for access for sarcoma patients to promising therapies.
- Increasing public awareness about sarcoma.
- Educating sarcoma patients regarding access to optimal sarcoma care.

The Sarcoma Foundation of America works with the rare disease and cancer communities on shared research and advocacy issues. SFA advocates before Congress and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), urging legislators and regulators to place a high priority on rare cancer research, drug development, and access to quality patient care.

SFA's Impact

Advocacy

SFA brings together and amplifies the collective voice of the sarcoma community. Since inception, SFA has led the community in advocacy efforts by serving as the voice to educate legislators, federal and state agency officials, health and research communities, and the public about the need for additional research and new therapies and access to optimal sarcoma care.

Advocacy cont.

SFA advocates for increased research funding for sarcoma both from the public and private sectors and works with government, for-profit and non-profit cancer organizations, and the biopharmaceutical industry to improve the level of awareness, interest, and investment in research for sarcoma.

These advocacy efforts have resulted in:

- Focused research programs on sarcoma by the National Cancer Institute
- Streamlined second-line therapy approval process
- New investments by the biopharmaceutical industry
- Increased government investment in sarcoma by \$200 million

Research

Since its inception, the Sarcoma Foundation of America has invested over \$24 million in research funding. We have supported over 110 institutions in 12 countries. We have provided over 200 research grants that have led to more than ten clinical trials and five pending trials.

SFA-supported private funding research findings have led to:

- Harnessing the power of the immune system to fight sarcoma leading to *treatment options beyond chemotherapy, radiation and surgery* that kill good cells with the bad cells
- The discovery of new molecules that inhibit cancer growth
- *Moving the research process along more quickly* to Phase III clinical trials for humans, potential FDA approval and advancement toward new sarcoma treatments
- *Unlocking treatment paths* that reduce the growth of the sarcoma