



NEWSLETTER - March 2023

SARCOMA COALITION GENERAL MEETING

REMINDER! SAVE THE DATE: April 20, 2023
(4 pm ET, 3 pm CT, 2 pm MT, 1 pm PT)

AGENDA:

- Welcome RUTLEDGE CANCER FOUNDATION to the Sarcoma Coalition
- Welcome Dottie Shead, NCCN and Veronica Panagiotou , PhD, NCCS most recent Advisory Panel members of the Sarcoma Coalition, and all attending Advisory Panel members
- The Golf Ball Project – Workgroup Progress Update
- Group Discussion on 2023 project priorities and topics of interest to the Membership and sarcoma patient communities for future Listen and Learn educational opportunities
- The Sarcoma Coalition March 14 and March 29 special sessions (Save The Date Alerts distributed in February)
- Awareness: Annual Research article highlights posted on the Coalition website research information reference – articles that cover several sarcoma subtypes
- Other general business from Coalition Members

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- Save the Date Coalition Member Alerts for March 14th and 29th
- Note the new Listen and Learn Patient Information Series for March 29th
- Congratulations to Dr. Ken Cardona, Sarcoma Coalition Advisory Panel Member to a new position at Emory Winship Cancer Center
- Congratulations to Dr. Gary Schwartz's new position At Case Western
- Research Highlights that discuss several sarcoma subtypes (included in the Sarcoma Coalition website, under Resource Library)
- From the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO): New - ASCO Sarcoma Interest Group on the myConnection

WELCOME RUTLEDGE CANCER FOUNDATION and Dr. Felice Adler to the Sarcoma Coalition!

Dr. Felice Adler-Shohet is a Pediatric Infectious Diseases physician in Orange County, California who lost her son, Noah, to Ewing sarcoma in 2021. She has a Hero Fund dedicated to funding Ewing sarcoma research through St. Baldrick's Foundation and has been involved with developing St. Baldrick's patient advocacy program. She also works with The Rutledge Cancer Foundation and the Ewing Sarcoma Cure Coalition to help find and fund treatments for Ewing sarcoma.



<https://rutledgecancerfoundation.org>

The Rutledge Cancer Foundation works to ease the impact of cancer on the lives of teens and young adults, to raise survival rates and find a cure for sarcomas. Focus areas: working as a catalyst for increasing awareness and early detection; funding patient programs and addressing unmet emotional and physician needs; support research for less toxic, personalized cancer therapies.



SARCOMA COALITION SPECIAL SESSIONS FOR MEMBERS AND A NEW LISTEN AND LEARN SESSION FOR THE SARCOMA PATIENT COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATES March 14th session with the FDA and March 29th for the new Sarcoma Coalition Listen and Learn Series for Coalition member organizations. Optional attendance for patient communities.

LINK to the Save the Dates Alert: includes links to each session

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hHFUxE7Hqo4tvTSPRytBncz8TwmhD3b4/edit?mode=html>

Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Cardona, for his new position at Emory. Dr. Cardona is one of our esteemed Sarcoma Coalition Advisory Members!



This message is sent on behalf of Dr. Suresh Ramalingam, Executive Director, Winship Cancer Institute and Dan Owens, CEO, Emory University Hospital Midtown.



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Kenneth Cardona will serve as Associate Chief Medical Officer (ACMO) for Winship at Emory University Hospital Midtown. This appointment was effective February 1, 2023. In this role Dr. Cardona will help direct clinical operations related to oncologic services at the hospital and related clinics and will assist the Emory University Hospital Midtown CMO in performing core duties as outlined in the Medical Staff Bylaws. He will serve as a member of the Emory University Hospital Midtown Executive Team and the Winship Clinical Senior Leadership Committee. Dr. Cardona will report directly to Dr. Wendy Wright (CMO EUHM) and Dr. Sagar Lonial

(CMO Winship and Chair of Hematology and Medical Oncology). Dr. Cardona will also work closely with us (Ram and Dan) on executing the vision outlined for oncology care in the new state-of-the-art cancer center Winship Emory Midtown.

Dr. Cardona completed his General Surgery Residency at Emory University and a Fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He returned to Emory in 2012 where for the last ten years has practiced as a Surgical Oncologist at EUHM and has been a valuable member of EUHM and Winship. Dr. Cardona has a long history of service to Emory Healthcare. He currently holds the title of the Patricia R. Reynold Professor of Sarcoma and Interim Chief of Surgery at EUHM and is the Lead of the Sarcoma Disease Team for Winship.



Columbia University's Gary Schwartz named Case Comprehensive Cancer Center's new Director
<https://case.edu/medicine/about/newsroom/columbia-universitys-gary-schwartz-named-case-comprehensive-cancer-centers-new-director>



RESEARCH UPDATES

Current Status and Future Directions of Immunotherapies in Soft Tissue Sarcomas

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8945421/#B68-biomedicines-10-00573>

High Grade Sarcomas with myogenic differentiation harboring hotspot PDGFRB Mutations

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S089339522300008X>

More 2023 research articles – to be highlighted in the Sarcoma Coalition website: 2023

The FDA no longer requires animal testing on drugs

<https://www.science.org/content/article/fda-no-longer-needs-require-animal-tests-human-drug-trials> Note from the FDA: This does not include oncology drug testing

SARC's mission is to connect individuals and organizations from around the world committed to discovering, developing, and delivering the latest and most promising treatments for sarcoma.

<https://sarctrials.org/partner-with-us/for-patients-caregivers/>

NOTE: The Sarcoma Alliance for Research Through Collaboration (SARC) will be a research arm collaborator of the Sarcoma Coalition – bridging the research community with patient advocacy groups. Working together to amplify research communication can only strengthen advocacy efforts on behalf of the sarcoma patient community.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S089339522300008X>

High-Grade Sarcomas with Myogenic Differentiation Harboring Hotspot PDGFRB Mutations

<https://www.vumedi.com/video/multiple-cases-panel-discussion-s2-level-sarcrectomy-for-sacral-mass-myxofibrosarcoma-and-leiomyosarc/?token=a719769a-7d0b>



Multidisciplinary Case Reviews: Treating Bone Tumors with Radiofrequency Ablation and Radiation Therapy [Video]

<https://www.vumedi.com/video/multidisciplinary-case-reviews-treating-bone-tumors-with-radiofrequency-ablation-and-radiation-thera/>

Prognostic impact of circulating tumor cells in patients with soft-tissue sarcomas: a prospective study

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36738132/>

