2nd Annual Sarcoma Picnic

The day started with rain in the region, but the weather cleared and the area’s Sarcoma families joined together to celebrate the 2nd Annual Sarcoma Awareness event. Another picnic at Coesa Pavilion in Saratoga State Park on July 14th, 2012. Brad Palmer and Don Johnson manned the grill. The Ellis Cancer program and Foundation graciously supported the day’s activities. There was plenty to eat and an assortment of yard games. The competition got a bit intense on the volleyball court as the kids tried to gang up on the adults. Educational materials were available to help increase awareness of sarcoma care in our community. Our Sarcoma Awareness shirts got a fresh new tie dye look thanks to the efforts of Cheryl Johnson and Tricia Marks. Please save the date for 2013 as we look forward to new sponsorship with Albany Medical Center and a new venue.

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MESSAGE FROM DR. DICAPRIO

September 4th marked the beginning of a new era of sarcoma care for our region. My transition to Albany Medical College greatly increases the resources available to all of you. For the past several months I have been working with physicians from the Departments of Medical Oncology, Pediatric Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pathology and Radiology to develop the best multidisciplinary sarcoma team for your care. A bimonthly Orthopaedic Oncology Tumor Board is already up and running and will help with collaborative care. The college offers a bigger platform for sarcoma awareness, teaching, and research. Please note the change in address for any future comments or suggestions.

SAVE THE DATE:
3rd Annual Sarcoma Awareness Day
Saturday, July 13th 2013
HELPFUL WEBSITES:
Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative www.sarcomahelp.org
Sarcoma Alliance www.sarcomaalliance.org
Sarcoma Foundation of America www.curesarcoma.org
National Cancer Institute www.cancer.gov
St. Baldrick's Foundation www.stbaldrick's.org
Greendrakkoman Foundation www.greendrakkoman.org
Brave Will Foundation www.bravewill.org
Double H Ranch www.doublehranch.org
Clinical Trials www.clinicaltrials.gov

2012 MSTS Meeting

Musculoskeletal Oncologists from around the globe gathered in Tampa, Florida for the Society’s annual meeting. Many topics were covered and can be seen on www.msts.org under meeting program.

Hot topics

Use of navigation in sarcoma resections. Most helpful for the complex anatomy associated with pelvic tumors.

Oncogene analysis and discussion of targeted therapies for future advances in chemotherapy.

Total Care Cancer Network. Check it out on the web.

Whole body MRI compared to whole body bone scan for detecting metastasis in patients with primary bone tumors.

How long and how frequent should we follow patients with bone and soft tissue sarcomas?

If children have the ability to ignore all odds and percentages, then maybe we can all learn from them. When you think about it, what other choice is there but to hope? We have two options, medically and emotionally: give up, or fight like hell. ~Lance Armstrong

Once you choose hope, anything’s possible. ~Christopher Reeve

Never, never, never give up. ~Winston Churchill

We will DEFEAT sarcoma