

Sarcoma Coalition
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Sarcoma is a rare group of cancers accounting for 1% of adult cancers and 15% of pediatric cancers. Sarcomas can occur in soft tissues or in bones. It is estimated that there are more than 90 subtypes of sarcoma, each with unique features. Facing a disease that is uncommon, like sarcoma, can be isolating. There are several sarcoma patient advocacy groups that have formed to help patients and families, however, people facing sarcoma often struggle to find information and connect with those experiencing a similar journey. To leverage their collective strengths, 21 different sarcoma advocacy groups have come together to find approaches to bring cohesiveness to the sarcoma advocacy community. Together we seek strengthen our collective voice and better serve people facing sarcoma. The Sarcoma Coalition has established a website to connect patients and families to the various sarcoma groups. We convene every other month via webinar to discuss topics of common interest, host speakers, exchange ideas and connect common initiatives. The Sarcoma Coalition is committed to supporting each other and helping connect patients and families who are facing sarcoma of any type.

The overarching goal of the Sarcoma Coalition is to strengthen the collective voice of sarcoma advocates to help patients and families who are facing sarcoma. Several groups in the sarcoma community expressed interest in finding approaches to bring cohesiveness to the sarcoma advocacy community, recognizing that collectively we can do more together than as individual groups. We noted that other cancers have accomplished more to help patients and families through their collective activities. Given this is a common goal across the sarcoma advocacy groups, the Sarcoma Coalition was committed to coming together.

The Sarcoma Coalition is an opportunity to build relationships amongst the various sarcoma advocacy groups. Common interests and initiatives have been identified. Convening every other month facilitates the timely sharing of ideas and information. The coalition continues to invite sarcoma advocacy groups to join. As we come to know each other better, the Sarcoma Coalition seeks to identify and advance important Initiatives, addressing current issues. The collaborative spirit of dedication within the Sarcoma Coalition provides a strong basis for joint advocacy to ultimately help patients and families facing sarcoma.