



SEPTEMBER 2013

2 Surgeons Win Awards for Patient Care

In August, Sarcoma Alliance presented our second annual Outstanding Care Awards to Mark Douglas Duncan, MD, at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore and Douglas Letson, MD, at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.



"I want my patients to know how much I value them, to know the high regard I have for their thoughts, their fears, and their feelings, and to know that I will always be there for them. By establishing trust before treatment, we can work together to battle

cancer," said Dr. Duncan, vice chair of the department of surgery and chief of surgical oncology at Johns Hopkins Bayview and an associate professor of surgery and oncology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Rhonda Shackleford Ulmer (above) of Severn, Md., nominated him.



Dr. Letson (left) is Moffitt's executive vice president of clinical affairs, physician-in-chief, and chair of education and the sarcoma department. At the University of South Florida, he is a professor of surgery, radiology and orthopedics and director of the orthopedic residency

program.

"He is the amazing surgeon who saved our daughter's arm!" said Heidi Kaldenberg of Woodward, Iowa, who nominated him. "The surgery he performed was pioneering, and believed to be the first of its kind in the USA. ... But the even more amazing part to us is that he did it for free!"

Any healthcare provider may be nominated for the Sarcoma Alliance Outstanding Care Award. To learn more or to nominate your favorite provider, please visit our website.

sarcomaalliance.org/news/outstanding-care-awards/

[For more information: prweb.com/releases/2013/8/prweb11071560.htm](http://prweb.com/releases/2013/8/prweb11071560.htm)

Ocean Sports Season Ends With a Win

For the fifth year in a row, our Ocean of Hope women's team took first at the U.S. Outrigger Championships from Newport Beach to Avalon on Catalina Island in Los Angeles County. Team members come from the Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club.

"We had a great start, came out in front in the first 20 minutes, and opened up a lead that helped us secure a first place win by over 3 minutes," said Aimee Spector, co-captain of O2H. "Conditions were hot and flat, but super fun!"

O2H is the Alliance's largest fundraiser and consists of paddleboard and outrigger-canoe races across the country. September also saw the last paddleboard race: Waterman's Applied Science Paddle for Humanity in Newport Beach. The Alliance thanks Waterman's for choosing us as a charity partner again this year.

[For more information: sarcomaalliance.org/ocean-of-hope/](http://sarcomaalliance.org/ocean-of-hope/)



Photo courtesy of Cody Silvester.

Tissue Bank Helps With Research

The Sarcoma Alliance for Research Through Collaboration has opened a biospecimen repository to help researchers.



SARC brings together physicians from different institutions to collaborate on clinical trials. From its 20 trials, it has collected thousands of samples of tumors and blood from patients, along with their medical histories, said President Denise Reinke, a nurse practitioner who also has an MS and MBA. Its scientific leadership decides which researchers can get samples from the bank.

Because sarcoma is rare, tissue samples are valuable. Some scientists share them so that they can do meaningful research. The SARC bank increases the chances that researchers can get enough tissue for their studies.

[Read the complete story](#)

Upcoming Events

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Oncology Society

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Collaboration



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