



## Outstanding Care Awards

Have you or a loved one received outstanding care from a doctor, nurse, social worker or other health-care provider? The Sarcoma Alliance would like to honor them with its Outstanding Care Award in July. Please send us a nominating letter by June 18. We plan to give awards annually. For more information, please go to [sarcomaalliance.org/news/outstanding-care-awards/](http://sarcomaalliance.org/news/outstanding-care-awards/)



The Alliance has a medical advisory board composed of sarcoma doctors. For the first time, however, a sarcoma oncologist has become one of our board of directors. Dr. Gina D'Amato is a board-certified medical oncologist and

sarcoma specialist who has just gone into private practice in Atlanta. She previously worked at Emory and Moffitt in Tampa.

In an interview, she explained why an award is needed for patient care. Most doctors who work in comprehensive sarcoma centers are attached to universities, she said. They get promotions, pay raises, tenure, travel money, better facilities, etc., based on factors such as securing research grants, publishing papers and getting patents. They must be skilled clinicians, she said, and avoid patient complaints.

"But you don't get extra points if your patients love you."

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## Singing and Paddling



June will be busy for sarcoma patients and their supporters, who will sing in Dallas and paddle on both coasts to raise money and awareness. The paddleboarding events began last weekend with Waterman's Paddle for Humanity in Deerfield Beach, Fla., near Boca Raton.

Steven Alan Fry of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., has raced in P4H before. This year, he discovered the Sarcoma Alliance and its Ocean of Hope campaign, which consists of ocean athletes like him who raise money for sarcoma patients. At the P4H race in nearby Dana Point in April, he met O2H captains Aimee Spector and Fred Sardisco.

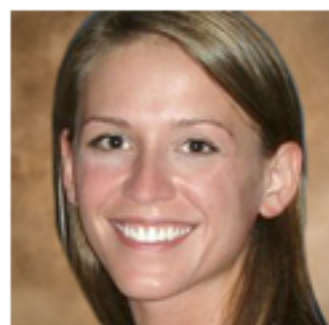
"I have a lot of pain and nausea," says Fry, in treatment for metastatic Ewing sarcoma. "But it did me a lot of good to get out in the fresh air and meet the O2H paddlers."

Francoise Colley, who has metastatic leiomyosarcoma, is helping organize the "Swing for Sarcoma" concert in Dallas on June 17. "I am feeling well despite the fact that I have mets. So, why not use my time and energy in a helpful and benevolent way?"

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# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

## Sarcoma Stories



### Ali Darling

I remember the night I walked into my parents' bedroom at 10 p.m. and announced with fear and force: I have cancer. They looked at me as any parent would with a 13-year-old daughter who was perfectly healthy and extremely active. But I had found a lump, and, for whatever reason, I knew what it was.

[Learn more](#)

## Upcoming Events

Rock to Rock

Jay Race

US Paddleboard Championships

Ocean of Hope



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