

SARCOMA ALLIANCE



# Sarcoma Patient Advocacy: A How-To Guide

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# Consider being a Volunteer Patient Advocate

- ▶ Any connection to Sarcoma
- ▶ No particular skills needed
- ▶ Make sure you are ready
- ▶ Do something rewarding to YOU



# What Type of Patient Advocacy Suits You?

- ▶ **Support Advocacy examples**
  - ▶ Providing education and guidance material
  - ▶ Mentoring others
  - ▶ Hosting support groups and conferences
- ▶ **Financial Advocacy examples**
  - ▶ Providing grants to help defray costs
  - ▶ Raising money to support non-profits



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- ▶ **Lobbying Advocacy examples**
  - ▶ Requesting legislation to recognize July as Sarcoma Awareness Month
  - ▶ Specialist Referral initiative to remove barriers to expert treatment
- ▶ **Research Advocacy examples**
  - ▶ Putting the patient perspective in the development of new treatments and clinical trials
  - ▶ Raising money for research to create improved treatments



# How You Can Help Support Others with Sarcoma

The Sarcoma Alliance always can use Volunteer Advocates!

## ▶ **Marketing**

- ▶ Help get the word out about our services
- ▶ Social media, press releases, Sarcoma Awareness Month activities

## ▶ **Fundraising**

- ▶ Hold an independent event or on-line fundraiser
- ▶ Participate in walks, such as with our partner Wendy Walk
- ▶ Help our Ocean of Hope teams
- ▶ Many others: Employer matches, Amazon Smile, shop SA



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## ▶ **Programs and Services**

- ▶ Help update website information, or provide new content
- ▶ Support groups – help manage our on-line support group, or start new in-person ones
- ▶ Assistance Fund – help review applications
- ▶ Mentor others through our partner, Imerman Angels
- ▶ Develop or implement Sarcoma Awareness Month activities
- ▶ Assist with our annual Exchange

## ▶ **Admin Help**



# How To Just Do It

Visit our website for ways to get involved:  
<https://sarcomaalliance.org/>

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