

WHAT IS SARCOMA?

Soft tissue and primary bone tumors

Affects all ages

Rare (1.4% of all cancer diagnoses)

Comprises 10% of cancers in the 15-25 age group

Often dismissed as sporting injuries

Many different subtypes

Aggressive

What is Sarcoma?

Sarcoma is the name given to a group of rare and aggressive primary bone and soft tissue tumours.

Sarcomas grow in cells that connect or support other kinds of tissue in your body, such as bone, muscle, cartilage, fat, blood vessels, nerves or deep skin tissue.

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- Sarcomas can be found anywhere in the body but are often found in the arms, legs and trunk.
- They can also be found in the head, neck, skin and reproductive organs
- Bone tumours are found more often in children and the 15-25 age group
- 10-15% of all cancers in children are sarcomas
- Soft tissue tumours are more commonly found in the adult population

Early diagnosis is vital to the best outcomes for a sarcoma diagnosis

- Direct referral to a specialist multi-disciplinary team who know how to treat sarcomas is crucial to best outcomes
- About 350 people each year are diagnosed with a sarcoma in Western Australia

Sarcoma receives less than 1% of the cancer research dollar

Sarcomas are very rare. More research needs to be done to find out more about what causes them and also to find new treatment options. Without investment in research, survival rates will not improve.

THE IMPACT OF SARCOMAS IS REAL AND CAN BE DEVASTATING. WE MUST WORK TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES