

WHAT IS SARCOMA?

Soft tissue and primary bone tumors

Affects all ages

Rare (1.5% of all cancer diagnoses in Australia)

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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- Sarcoma can be found anywhere in the body but is often found in the arms, legs and trunk.
- It can also be found in the head, neck, skin and reproductive organs
- Bone sarcoma occurs more often in children, adolescents and young adults
- Sarcoma is the second most common cancer in the 0-19 age group
- Soft tissue sarcoma is more often found in adults

Early diagnosis is vital for the best outcomes with a sarcoma

- Direct referral to a specialist multi-disciplinary team who know how to treat sarcoma is crucial to best outcomes
- Over 2500 people were diagnosed with a sarcoma in Australia in 2023

Sarcoma receives less than 1% of the cancer research dollar

Sarcomas are rare. Much more research is needed to find out about what causes them and to develop more effective and kinder treatments. Without significant investment in research, survival rates will not improve.

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