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Important News for Patients with Sarcoma in the DC Metro Region

The FDA recently approved Olaratumab for use in sarcoma. This is exciting news as it is the first drug approved in over 20 years dedicated to treatment of sarcomas.

Olaratumab is a monoclonal antibody that blocks the effect of platelet derived growth factor on cancer cells. In combination with standard doxorubicin, Olaratumab is demonstrating unprecedented activity against sarcoma. It is likely to replace more toxic chemotherapy combinations.

Virginia Cancer Specialists (VCS) was one of the largest accruals in the United States for the Phase III study to get full approval of the drug. In addition to this drug, VCS has several other clinical studies for both soft tissue and bone sarcomas. When referring to the VCS Sarcoma Center, physicians should know their patients will get world class treatment.



The VCS in-house pharmacy. Part of our 360° of care approach, the pharmacy works to prepare cutting edge clinical trial medications.

Sarcoma Basics

Did you know that sarcomas represent about 1% of all malignancies? For this reason, they are rarely suspected and often misdiagnosed. Sarcomas can occur in bones or soft tissues. It is important that patients with suspected or known sarcomas be referred immediately to specialists with experience in diagnosing and treating these tumors.

Program

The Virginia Cancer Specialists Sarcoma Center provides expert surgical, medical and radiation oncology care for primary bone and soft tissue cancers. We treat children and adults. Our dedicated clinical coordinator, Cathie Passero RN, MSN, CCRN, guides patients through the steps of biopsy, radiation, surgery and chemotherapy, while providing the necessary psychosocial support and education.

VCS Clinical Trials

The VCS Research Institute is an active clinical trial program offering new, cutting-edge drugs to cancer patients. It is also the only dedicated oncology research facility in Northern Virginia to include phase 1 clinical trials. VCS has several immunotherapy studies for sarcoma patients as well as numerous phase I options. VCS actively participated in the development of the newest drug for sarcomas, olaratumab, which was recently approved by the FDA. Our research is regularly published in leading cancer journals, and presented at large medical conferences. For more information on our ongoing drug trials, please visit our website.

Physicians

Felasfa Wodajo, MD: Orthopedic Oncology; Alex Spira, MD, PhD, FACP: Medical Oncology; Gregory Sibley, MD: Radiation Oncology; Harold Agbahiwe, MD: Radiation Oncology.



The Sarcoma Center Team, from (left to right): Dr. Harold Agbahiwe, Dr. Felasfa Wodajo, Dr. Alex Spira and Dr. Gregory Sibley.

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