UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Kaposi Sarcoma (KS)

The UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Learn more about UCSF's supportive care programs at https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patientsupport-center

The Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210. The Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101. The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources

Overview

Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) is a disease in which cancer or malignant cells are found in the tissues under the skin or mucous membranes that line the mouth, nose and anus. Until the early 1980s, Kaposi's sarcoma was a very rare disease found mainly in older men, patients who had organ transplants or African men. With the AIDS epidemic in the early 1980s, doctors began to notice more cases of Kaposi's sarcoma in Africa and in gay men with AIDS. Kaposi's sarcoma usually spreads more quickly in these patients. The chance of recovery depends on what type of Kaposi's sarcoma you have, your age and general health, and whether or not you have AIDS. Although KS often responds well to treatment, recurrent disease is common. This means that KS will likely recur after it has been treated. It may come back in the area where it first started or in another part of the body. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/kaposis-sarcoma

UCSF Resources

UCSF Sarcoma Center

Soft tissue and bone cancers are a rare and diverse group of tumors collectively known as sarcoma. At the UCSF Sarcoma Center, we take a collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to combat these complex cancers. Our dedicated team of sarcoma specialists provide patients with the most precise diagnostic tools, novel surgical and reconstructive techniques, and promising new therapies. The UCSF Sarcoma Center includes specialists from: Orthopedic Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Pediatric Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Adult Medical Oncology, Pathology and Thoracic Surgery. In addition to our superb clinical care, the UCSF Sarcoma Center is the premier Bay Area institution for cutting-edge basic and translational sarcoma research. Through our collaborative research, we are pushing the scientific boundaries to develop new therapies to

improve outcomes for patients with sarcoma. Website: https://sarcoma.ucsf.edu/ucsf-sarcoma-center | Phone Number: 415-885-3800

Publications

NIH National Library of Medicine: Kaposi Sarcoma
Website: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK534839/

The Lancet Oncology: PD-1 blockade with pembrolizumab in classic or endemic Kaposi's sarcoma: a multicenter, single-arm, phase 2 study
Website: https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(22)00097-3/fulltext

Organizations

American Cancer Society (ACS) – Kaposi Sarcoma
At the American Cancer Society, we are on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.
Website: https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/kaposi-sarcoma.html

Cancer.Net – Kaposi Sarcoma
This is Cancer.Net's Guide to Sarcomas, Soft Tissue Sarcomas and Bone Cancer
Website: https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/sarcoma-kaposi

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You: Kaposi Sarcoma
MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Website: https://medlineplus.gov/kaposisarcoma.html

National Cancer Institute – Kaposi Sarcoma
Website: https://www.cancer.gov/types/soft-tissue-sarcoma/hp/kaposi-treatment-pdq

Sarcoma Alliance
Sarcoma Alliance is a primary source of guidance, education, and support for people with sarcoma. Programs include educational information, a discussion board, peer-to-peer support, and financial assistance. Website: https://sarcomaalliance.org/ | Phone Number: 415-381-7236

National LGBTQI+ Cancer Network

The National LGBTQI+ Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBTQI+ cancer survivors and those at risk by: EDUCATING the LGBT community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection; TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and ADVOCATING for LGBT survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media and research.
Website: https://cancer-network.org/about/

Rein in Sarcoma
We are the largest and best-known sarcoma foundation in the Midwest. We are a resource for patients and families touched by sarcomas, an uncommon and often misdiagnosed group of bone and soft tissue cancers that strike children and adults alike.
Website: https://www.reininsarcoma.org/

Sarcoma Foundation of America
SFA advocates for sarcoma patients by funding research and increasing awareness. Website includes patient resources, news about research and advocacy, and a newsletter.
Website: www.curesarcoma.org | Phone Number301-253-8687