

[Sarcomas of Specific Organs - Latest Research](#) [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about sarcoma and how to treat them. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Doctors are working to learn more about sarcoma, ways to prevent them, how to best treat these diseases, and how to provide the best care to people diagnosed with either disease. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through [clinical trials](#) [3]. Always talk with your doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for you.

Targeted therapy. As described in the [Treatment Options](#) [4] section, targeted therapy is a treatment that targets the tumor's specific genes, proteins, or the tissue environment that contributes to tumor growth and survival. Clinical trials led to the approval of one new targeted drug, pazopanib, and clinical trials of other drugs that work in different ways to starve tumors of their blood supply are underway.

Immunotherapy. Immunotherapy, also called biologic therapy, is designed to boost the body's existing defenses to fight the cancer. It uses materials made either by the body or in a laboratory to improve, target, or restore immune system function. Immunotherapy is being researched as a treatment option for many types of sarcoma. Learn more about [immunotherapy](#) [5].

Chemotherapy. New types of chemotherapy are being researched for the treatment of sarcoma. Many of these drugs focus on ways to treat the sarcoma that have never been tested before, providing hope that these new approaches can succeed where previous drugs have failed.

Supportive care. Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and

side effects of current sarcoma treatments in order to improve patients' comfort and quality of life.

To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your doctor or [search online clinical trial databases now](#) [6]. Please note this link will take you outside of this guide.

The next section addresses how to cope with the symptoms of the disease or the side effects of its treatment. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Coping with Side Effects, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

Links

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/sarcomas-specific-organs/latest-research>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18444>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18443>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24726>

[6] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24878>