



# Orthopaedic Oncology Division

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The Orthopaedic Oncology service at Penn is comprised of Dr. Kristy Weber and Dr. Robert Wilson who work as part of a multidisciplinary team of caregivers focused on patients of all ages with bone and soft tissue tumors. This includes the care of patients with benign and malignant primary tumors as well as patients with metastatic bone disease. The core team also includes Sarah Borgia, MHA, Administrative Coordinator, Kate Barrie, PA, and Laura Cappetti, RN. The overall footprint and access has improved with the addition of Dr. Wilson in September, 2017. Patients can now be seen 4 days per week with clinic locations at PCAM and Radnor. Surgeries are performed 2-3 days per week at HUP. Dr. Wilson also has a presence at the Philadelphia VA Hospital where he sees orthopaedic oncology patients in addition to patients needing hip or knee arthroplasty for non-oncologic reasons. Patients are also managed in the clinic and OR at CHOP along with Dr. Alex Arkader (Orthopaedic Oncology/Pediatric Orthopaedics) and Amy Rapino, CRNP. A collaboration with the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital to evaluate and treat patients with bone or soft tissue tumors has continued this year. The Penn Orthopaedic Oncology Visiting Professor for 2018 was Dr. Denis Clohisy, Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Minnesota.

The multidisciplinary clinical team that treats patients with bone or soft tissue sarcomas meets weekly on PCAM South 12 for a clinical care videoconference to discuss the presentation and differential diagnoses of new patients, as well as the ongoing multimodal therapy for existing patients. A Sarcoma

Leadership group meets monthly to work on quality initiatives and clinical pathways to improve the overall delivery of care to our patients.

Active marketing efforts are ongoing at both Penn and CHOP to expand the reach of the orthopaedic oncology program in the region. Dr. Wilson has done extensive outreach to orthopaedic and oncology physicians and groups throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Furthermore, with the addition of Lancaster General and Princeton to the Penn Health Network, we have reached out to develop care pathways to collaboratively diagnose and treat patients with bone and soft tissue tumors.

One feature that stands out about the Penn Sarcoma program is the presence of a collaborative scientific team focused on new discoveries in sarcoma. The core sarcoma research team includes Karin Eisinger, PhD, Malay Halder, MD, PhD, Celeste Simon, PhD, Margaret Chou, PhD (CHOP), and Nicola Mason, PhD, BVetMed. There is an ongoing search at CHOP to hire another sarcoma scientist in 2018. Finally, philanthropic support from grateful patients is critical for our research efforts and we are thankful for their generosity. Our patient and family Sarcoma Advocacy group is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of organization and planning to support sarcoma research at Penn Med/Penn Vet/CHOP. In 2017, over \$150,000 was raised and nearly 1000 people attended the annual Walk/Run. This year the event is June 10, 2018 at Wilson Farm Park in Wayne, PA. <https://stepstocuresarcoma.com/>