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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Money raised acts as seed funding for the University of Chicago's pediatric sarcoma research program. The program brings together oncologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, and physician scientists who have a particular interest in adolescents and young adults with sarcoma. The Ted Mullin Fund has supported research into novel chemotherapy and biology agents for sarcomas, new ways to administer chemotherapy in this disease, techniques to visualize more accurately the response of tumors in the patient, the identification of high-risk sarcoma patients using novel genomics strategies, molecular techniques to personalize therapy for each patient to maximize benefit while reducing treatment-related toxicity and treatments for metastatic or resistant disease which seek to use the patient's own immune system to attack residual tumors. Future plans at U of C include the opening of an adolescent and young adult multidisciplinary clinic focused on sarcoma and, in collaboration with other national programs, the establishment of a consortium to facilitate more rapid development and availability of new molecular and biologic therapeutics for sarcomas.