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CTOS 2026 – Registration and Abstract Submission Now Open

Don't miss the most important meeting of the year for the global sarcoma community. Registration is now open for CTOS 2026, which will take place in Seoul, South Korea, from 18–21 November 2026. [Register here](#).

[Abstract submission](#) is also open—submit your work and be part of this premier scientific event. **Deadline: 22 June 2026**

This year, CTOS will highlight rhabdomyosarcoma as the “Sarcoma of the Year,” with a dedicated category for abstract submission.

Equity Travel Grants for CTOS 2026

The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that **15 full Equity Travel Grants** have been secured for this year, along with **20 additional complimentary registrations**. Full details and eligibility criteria are available within the abstract submission system. Priority will be given to young investigators and allied health professionals from low- and middle-income countries. [More information](#)

Foundational Science of Sarcomas Symposium – Programme Highlights

The CTOS Research Committee is pleased to share initial highlights of the upcoming **Foundational Science of Sarcomas Symposium**, which will take place on **18 November 2026**, ahead of the main CTOS meeting.

Three thematic sessions have been confirmed:

- Tumour and Immune Cell Types in Cancer
- Epigenetics and Chromatin Biology
- Innovative Drug Development Approaches, with a Special Focus on ADC

We encourage you to submit abstracts related to these areas, as the best ones will be selected to be presented during the Symposium.

International Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Meeting

The CTOS International Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Meeting will take place on **Thursday, 19 November 2026**, in conjunction with the CTOS Annual Meeting.

This collaborative, discussion-based session welcomes abstract submissions from all disciplines. The meeting brings together a diverse audience, including nurses, advanced practice providers, physical and occupational therapists, social workers, and research staff.

Those interested in speaking or attending are encouraged to get in touch for further information:

- Maritza Salazar-Abshire, RN – msalaza@mdanderson.org
- Stine Naess, RN – stinae@ous-hf.no
- Whitney Throckmorton, PA-C – WRThrockmorton@mdanderson.org

Attendance is included as part of CTOS Annual Meeting registration.

CTOS Spring Webinar 2026

Recording of the CTOS Spring Webinar on “[Advances in Immunotherapy for Sarcomas](#)” is already available on the CTOS website.



Research News



We would like to highlight recent important contributions to the field:

PUSH Consortium (Ultra-Rare Sarcomas)

- *International Multicenter Retrospective Study on Pleomorphic Rhabdomyosarcoma (P-RMS): Outcome of Primary Localized Disease*

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/41564817>

- *Outcomes of Patients with Advanced Pleomorphic Rhabdomyosarcoma Treated with Systemic Agents: A Retrospective Study from the PUSH Consortium*

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/41819027>

Additional Notable Publications

- *Adjuvant Imatinib or Observation in Patients with Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors with KIT Exon 9 Mutations*

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2845514>

- *Neoadjuvant Radiotherapy for Primary Retroperitoneal Well-Differentiated Liposarcoma: A TARPSWG Propensity Score-Matched Analysis*

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2589537026000520>

- *Preoperative Radiotherapy and Postoperative Complications Among Patients with Primary Retroperitoneal Sarcoma (EORTC-62092 STRASS Trial)*

https://journals.lww.com/annalsurgery/abstract/9900/preoperative_radiotherapy_and_postoperative.1591.aspx

- *Pathologic Assessment of Retroperitoneal Sarcomas: A Position Paper by the Transatlantic Australasian Retroperitoneal Sarcoma Working Group*

https://journals.lww.com/ajsp/abstract/2026/04000/pathologic_assessment_of_retroperitoneal_sarcomas_.7.aspx

Young Investigator Group's Advisory Board

It is our pleasure to announce the inaugural class of the CTOS Young Investigator Group's Advisory Board.

The YIG is a group of trainees of any level with an interest in sarcoma (medical students through fellows and graduate and post-graduate students) and junior faculty. The Board will oversee the YIG, coordinate more formal quarterly events and present to the Mentorship Committee. The goal of the YIG is to create a platform where young investigators can ask the group clinical and professional questions, foster idea generation and novel projects, and promote multidisciplinary and cross-country relationships. We will share more information about the group's activity in the near future.

Meet the Young Investigator Group's Advisory Board members [here](#).

New CTOS Podcast Coming Soon



New CTOS podcast will be published in late June. Dr. Carol Swallow will interview Dr. Murray Brennan. Stay tuned for the release date. In the meantime, don't forget to check the podcasts already available. We are present in major podcast platforms – Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Amazon Music.

Stay Connected with the CTOS Community

Stay up to date with the latest CTOS news, events, and initiatives by following us on social media. Join a growing online community with over 2,000 followers on X, more than 150 on Instagram, and over 800 on LinkedIn. Help us amplify sarcoma research and collaboration worldwide by engaging with and sharing CTOS content.

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We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the coming months.

Kind regards,
CTOS Communications Committee