

Wish List for the Comprehensive Sarcoma Centre at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse June 2018

ITEM

Following are our current funding priorities for the Comprehensive Sarcoma Centre:

Clinical Trials Officer \$100,000 p.a.

This role is responsible for the processing and storage of blood, tissue and tumour specimens for clinical trials and research. This person works in the lab to separate the components of the samples, store, log and remove them when analysis is required. It's an essential position in the running of clinical trials and research.

• Study Coordinator \$80,000 p.a.

The role of the Research Assistant is to support the running of clinical trials. This includes the accurate collection of data, compliance with protocols, policies and procedures, record maintenance, results analysis and reporting. This is a key position without which, meaningful research cannot be done.

• Biobank Executive \$80,000 p.a.

A biobank is a large collection of biological or medical data and tissue samples, amassed for research purposes. It is a powerful tool in the study of complex diseases like sarcoma. The Biobank Executive facilitates patients' participation in clinical trials, monitors the collections of samples and manages all data in the study.

• Psycho-oncology Counsellor \$90,000 p.a.

Being diagnosed with sarcoma and enduring surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy can take a huge toll on a young person's emotional and psychological wellbeing, as too can the challenging physical rehabilitation phase. The Psycho-oncology Counsellor is especially trained to help young patients and their families find their way through their experience with sarcoma.

• Sarcoma Nurse Consultant \$120,000 p.a.

Holding a Master's Degree, the Sarcoma Nurse Consultant is uniquely prepared with advanced nursing skills, empathy and experience to oversee and personalise the care of patients and their families, helping them navigate complex information, healthcare and support needs.

• Surgical equipment

Minimally invasive sarcoma surgery requires highly specialised equipment to enable surgeons to accurately remove the tumour with minimal impact to the surrounding areas. Equipment includes orthopaedic trays, prostheses, plates, pins and screws.

There are also a number of other positions for which we are seeking investment over a number of years. Some information on these is below:

• Sarcoma Clinical Research Fellow

The Fellow is a crucial position in the sarcoma research program. As well as caring for patients, the Fellow will initiate and coordinate clinical trials, investigate novel therapies and potential treatments, design and coordinate research studies, write and publish scientific papers and drive participation in national and international research partnerships that include larger cohorts of patients and more opportunities for clinical trials.



• Professor of Sarcoma Surgery

The Professor of Sarcoma Surgery will work with cutting edge robotic technologies and techniques to lead the surgical team in best-practice to undertake surgical procedures that are optimal in surgically treating sarcoma with minimal damage and side effects.

• Supportive Care Physician

This is a physician trained in cancer supportive care. Their focus is living life well with cancer. Despite best efforts, sarcoma still has a high mortality rate and treatment has significant side effects. This role ensures that patients and families have the very best support to live as well as possible with cancer.