

Strategic Advances in Sarcoma Science – Young

Who: Early career sarcoma investigators attending SASS

Location: Natcher Conference Center (NCI), Bethesda, MD 20894

When: Oct 14, 2025 (Tuesday, morning before SASS): 8:30 am – 12:15 pm; breakfast included

Structure: Off-site social dinner (Monday Oct 13) + Two main sessions (Tuesday Oct 14)

Conference features & aims

- Foster multi-institutional collaboration between laboratory-based scientists, computational scientists, and clinical investigators
- Learn more about effective approaches for protocols, publications and grant applications
- Define core/pressing challenges/questions in sarcoma sciences to tackle

Monday Oct 13

6:30pm - ? Evening social dinner

Interactive dinner party at the heart of downtown District of Columbia: *1711 S st. NW Washington D.C. (Dupont Circle Red Line)*.

Tuesday Oct 14

SASS-y Morning

8:30am – 9:00am **Small Breakfast**

9:00am – 10:00am **Getting to know each other**

- Icebreaker game

10:00am – 10:15am: **Coffee break**

10:15am – 12:15pm: **Interactive round table session**

- Four rounds of 30-minute working groups/Q+A
- Each topic will be covered by one expert in each round, therefore you can choose 3 different topics
- Feel free to prepare your questions beforehand!

Our experts and their topics:

Brigitte Widemann, National Cancer Institute Bethesda, Maryland	**Brian Ladle,** Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, Maryland	**Anand Patel** St. Jude children's research hospital, Memphis, Tennessee	**Troy McEachron** National Cancer Institute Bethesda, Maryland	**Bill Shakespeare** Von Pfeffel **+** **Fernanda Arnaldez** AstraZeneca
Translating mechanistic discoveries to therapeutic strategies	**Project design (with realistic budget)**	**Building a Robust Mechanistic Research Program (Lab Setup & Personnel)**	**Scientific communication: Presenting complex mechanistic data clearly**	**Industry (research/development)**

12:15pm: **Closing remarks**

We are looking forward to welcome you in Bethesda!

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