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A fresh look at therapeutic advances in soft-tissue sarcoma

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Soft-tissue sarcomas constitute a fascinating group of diseases. They represent about 1% of all cancers, but are divided into dozens of subtypes, with varying molecular and, sometimes, clinical features. Progress in management has been slow, hampered by insufficient knowledge of the relevant pathophysiology and difficulties in conducting appropriate clinical trials.

Things are progressively changing, with notable successes that should be advertised. In this special supplement to *Current Oncology*, a group of Canadian sarcoma experts takes a fresh look at therapeutic advances in soft-tissue sarcoma. Articles about immunotherapy and novel cytotoxic and targeted agents shed light on the cutting-edge management of common and uncommon sarcomas alike—including the pediatric types. In Canada, the treatment of sarcoma tends to be centralized in referral institutions, from which our authors draw their expertise and where they undertake research to improve outcomes for patients and contribute to Canadian scientific output.

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