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FOSTER FOUNDATION – 2004 NEWS



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We have approved a new grant to Dr. Wei Zhu-PHD- Stony Brook, New York- Department of Applied Math and Statistics. Dr. Zhu has written a mathematical algorithm for the detection of Ovarian Cancer in the blood of patients who are thought to be healthy. It is our hope that Dr. Zhu will help in the management of the datasets that are compiled for Osteosarcoma. The proposal calls for two separate studies to be undertaken. The primary study is for the analysis of SAGE data compiled and its comparison to microarray data and patient outcome/status datasets. We hope to be able to develop a “translation” tool that could be used in the **CLINIC** for improved diagnostic and genetic classification of patients to help predict their response to treatment, **BEFORE** it begins.

The second study is for a proteomic (protein) study of Osteosarcoma. Here, Dr. Zhu will write an algorithm that will attempt to further classify different genetic signatures for Osteosarcoma and the proteins that are created by these signatures. It is hoped that the resultant proteins can be “picked up” in body fluids (blood, urine etc.) and allow the disease to be detected much earlier and possibly even used as a tool to screen normal individuals. IF this can be done, it is also possible that drugs which inhibit/block these proteins might assist in delaying or preventing disease.

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary goal of the Foster Foundation is to fund Osteosarcoma research that will eventually lead to a cure for this disease. The foundation has established a trust that is self-sufficient in generating funds. These funds will be awarded annually as grants to promising research groups.



FAST FACTS

1068 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR COLON/RECTAL CANCER
1079 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR LUNG CANCER
1318 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR BLOOD CANCERS
2311 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR PROSTATE CANCER
2826 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR BREAST CANCER
196 RESEARCH STUDIES FOR PEDIATRIC BONE CANCER

*data supplied by the National Cancer Institute-2002

Our mission is to be a leading provider of financial assistance to pediatric cancer research programs, and help accelerate the development of new and improved treatments for children suffering with cancer.

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