

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Christina Ip-Toma

Organisation: MIB Agents Osteosarcoma Alliance

Role / Stakeholder Type: Patient Advocate, Caregiver

Country: USA

What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

My youngest son, Dylan, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in 2016 when he was nine years old. When Dylan passed away in 2021 after bravely battling osteosarcoma for five years, I joined the MIB Agents Osteosarcoma Alliance team in January 2022 as the Director of Scientific Programs. In this role, I create programs to engage and support the scientific community that is striving to improve treatment options and outcomes.

What's most important to know about your organization?

MIB Agents is a leading pediatric osteosarcoma nonprofit dedicated to making it better for our community of patients, families, medical professionals, researchers, and industry partners through programs, education, and research. We are devoted to creating and instilling hope with and for our inclusive and collaborative osteosarcoma community. We do this through mutual trust, transparency and compassion.

What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Research, Partnerships, Patient Support





Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

As the Director of Scientific Programs for MIB Agents, my goal is to support scientific research, education, and collaboration in the scientific community. To that end, programs I work on include: OsteoBites, a weekly research webinar series; OutSmarting Osteosarcoma annual research grant program; our annual FACTOR osteosarcoma conference; TURBO, our bimonthly tumor review board for osteosarcoma; CURE-OS, a working group focused on advancing osteosarcoma single cell research toward improving the care of OS patients; and MIB Research Bees, which connect the patient and scientific communities to inform research efforts and design with real-world lived patient experiences.



How can others best connect with you after the conference?

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One fun fact about you or something you are proud of:

I volunteer at SFMOMA (the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art) as a school guide, engaging elementary school students in observing and discussing modern art.

