

Caring for Carcinoid Foundation

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Research update

Dr. Matthew Kulke, member of our Board of Scientific Advisors, recently completed a Phase II study of SU11248 for carcinoid and islet cell patients. SU11248 is a new, targeted drug similar to Gleevec that is being developed by Pfizer. Dr. Kulke presented his clinical trial results to the 2005 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting.

Dr. George Demetri, a member of our Board of Scientific Advisors, also recently completed a Phase III study of SU11248 for GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor) patients. This study found that SU11248 increased by more than 400% the time that the cancer could be controlled. These results were so significant that the study closed far ahead of schedule so that patients who were initially assigned to receive the placebo were able to receive SU11248. Dr. Demetri concluded:

"This represents an extremely hopeful outcome for cancer patients in general...[We] can now target drugs at specific genetic mutations that keep cancer cells growing."

[Review SU11248 results](#)

Foundation update

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is delighted to announce Anne Doyle as a new member of our Board of Directors. Anne brings deep, personal commitment to discovering a cure for carcinoid:

"I am inspired to be a part of the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation because of the hope that it offers: hope that the Foundation's research will change the course of carcinoid cancer and contribute to strides in research on other cancers.

My Dad, Hugh Doyle, served as a role model for my life, giving back to his community in so many ways until he died of carcinoid cancer at age 74 in October of 2005. In his honor, I look forward to contributing to the collective energy of the Caring for Carcinoid community and doing everything we can to eradicate this cancer. I would like a story that follows that of my dad's twin brother. He died at age 13 of Addison's disease in 1944, just a few years before a cure for Addison's was discovered. Similarly, just as my father died this year, I hope for an imminent cure for carcinoid cancer."

[Learn about Anne Doyle](#)

Donor update

We greatly appreciate the generous donation made by Hugh and Ellie Doyle of Newburyport, MA. We honor Hugh and Ellie in our Sunflower Circle, comprised of individuals who have generated \$1,000 or more in donations from personal, honorary, or memorial giving. Sadly, Hugh passed away on October 17, 2005, after living many years with carcinoid. Hugh is survived by four daughters--Anne, Joan, Kathleen, and Susan--and his grandchildren, brother, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

[See Sunflower Circle](#)
[See Hugh Doyle's memorial](#)

Join the fight!

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Please donate if you support our mission to discover a cure for carcinoid. With your generous contributions, we award research grants to leading scientists who will unlock the genetic causes of carcinoid and develop targeted therapies.

100% of your donation will directly support carcinoid research because all expenses are covered separately. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your donation is tax-deductible.

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