

Lane United Football Club's 'United Against Cancer' Game to Support Sarcoma Community

The event, scheduled for Wed., July 3, is supported by C-Path's CDRC, xCures and hummel as sponsors.

TUCSON, Ariz., July 1, 2024 — [Critical Path Institute's](#) (C-Path) [CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory \(CDRC\)](#), in collaboration with Lane United Football Club (LUFC) and [xCures](#), is excited to support the culmination of LUFC's United Against Cancer campaign at their home match Wednesday, July 3, supporting sarcoma research.



The idea for the collaboration was inspired by [hummel®, the Danish sports uniform manufacturer](#), in support of LUFC's sporting director and men's head coach John Galas and all people living with sarcoma. In October 2023, Galas, who is married to C-Path grants manager Anna Galas, was diagnosed with synovial sarcoma, a rare cancer in adults.

“Clinicians, drug developers and regulators all need to work with sarcoma patients to capture the effectiveness of anecdotal treatments originally approved for other diseases,” explained Marco Schito, Ph.D., CDRC Executive Director at C-Path. “CDRC is working with the FDA and NCATS who are developing the CURE ID App for patients all over the world to engage with doctors, other patients and researchers by describing and sharing their treatment journey.”

During an earlier LUFC's game this May, at Civic Park in Eugene, Oregon, players donned the United Against Cancer kits, designed by hummel to feature the C-Path and xCures logos. C-Path, xCures, hummel and LUFC sponsored the production of the 'United Against Cancer' kits in support of continued sarcoma research. The jerseys are sold out, but match-worn player jerseys are still available for [auction](#). LUFC will

recognize the sponsors' efforts and present proceeds from the campaign to the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation during halftime of the match versus Capital FC game in Eugene.

The Northwest Sarcoma Foundation is a place for support and education for anyone affected by sarcoma in the Pacific Northwest. The foundation also directly funds promising research focused on sarcoma. To make a donation to the LUFC Sarcoma campaign, click [here](#).

For more information about this event, checkout Lane United's Website: [United Against Cancer – Lane United FC \(laneutd.com\)](#)

“It has been touching to see such generosity, both time and money, from so many individuals and organizations supporting John in his fight. To see John then channel all the proceeds to others in their fight against sarcoma is inspiring. These are the building blocks that lead to real change in people's lives, and Lane United FC is proud to be a part of that,” said LUFC's Managing Director, David Galas.

“We are inspired by John's courage and are committed to driving meaningful progress in his honor, and for everyone affected by this rare disease. Together we hope to raise awareness of sarcoma and help accelerate sarcoma research. Each jersey worn and each dollar raised brings us all closer to new discoveries and therapies that can save lives,” said xCures Chief Operating Officer Mark Shapiro, MBA, M.A.

“We are extremely proud to be a part of the ‘United Against Cancer’ campaign. At hummel, we've seen the power of jerseys and how they can unite a community around a single positive message,” said hummel Pro North America VP Chase Eagan. “Jerseys are so much more than just an on-field component, we want them to act as a visible sign of support for those who are affected by cancer, whether directly themselves or through a close friend or family member.”

About the Supporting Organizations

Critical Path Institute

Critical Path Institute (C-Path) is an independent, nonprofit established in 2005 as a public-private partnership, in response to the [FDA's Critical Path Initiative](#). C-Path's mission is to lead collaborations that advance better treatments for people worldwide. Globally recognized as a pioneer in accelerating drug development, C-Path has established numerous international consortia, programs and initiatives that currently include more than 1,600 scientists and representatives from government and regulatory agencies, academia, patient organizations, disease foundations and pharmaceutical and biotech companies. With dedicated team members located throughout the world, C-Path's global headquarters is in Tucson, Arizona and C-Path's Europe subsidiary is headquartered in Amsterdam, Netherlands. For more information, visit [c-path.org](#).

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Cure Drug Repurposing Collaboratory

C-Path's CDRC is working on multiple projects with the aim to better understand the current treatments being used for rare and ultra-rare sarcomas. CDRC has two sarcoma projects that are funded by the U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) Oncology Center of Excellence. The first project partners with xCures, an AI-assisted platform that automatically retrieves a participating patient's medical records from all sites of care. Patients' medical records and patient information are the best sources to track and measure the success of treatments being used. Taking part in this study may help other sarcoma patients in the future by helping CDRC better understand sarcoma, its symptoms and possible therapies.

CDRC's second project uses CURE ID, an internet-based repository, that lets the clinical and patient communities report use of drugs for difficult-to-treat diseases through a website, a smartphone or other mobile device. The platform enables the crowdsourcing of medical information from healthcare providers, patients, and care partners to identify existing drugs that may be effective treatments for diseases, like rare cancers, that have unmet needs for those living with them. CURE ID was developed through the collaboration of the FDA and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health. For more information visit the CURE ID website: [CURE-ID \(ncats.io\)](https://ncats.io).

For more information on CDRC sarcoma efforts, visit, <https://c-path.org/program/cure-drug-repurposing-collaboratory/>.

xCures

xCures was started in 2018 to help Cancer Commons, a patient advocacy organization, retrieve and aggregate medical records from any US care site for their patients. The result was the creation of an AI-assisted platform that automatically gathers, extracts and structures data from medical records within 15 minutes. This offers patients and their physicians a comprehensive view of a patient's health journey, including test results, scan images, treatments, and doctor visits. The xINFORM portal for patients and xDECIDE for providers help improve care and treatment decisions.

Lane United FC

Lane United FC is a soccer club based in Eugene, Oregon, named for Lane County, where Eugene is located. Founded in 2013, the club currently has men's and women's teams playing in USL League Two and USL W League, the fourth tiers of the respective American soccer pyramids. Current Sporting Director and head coach of Lane United's League Two team is John Galas.

hummel

Headquartered in Denmark, hummel just celebrated its 100th anniversary as a global leader in sportswear apparel and design. Hummel prides itself on changing the world through sport, making sure that its designs, sponsorships, people, teams, and initiatives work to drive change and progress. For more information, visit hummel.net.

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