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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support for the Steel Lillies initiative at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center and the Department of Orthopaedics. Through your generosity we are pleased to have Emily Carmody Soni, M.D. join us as the Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. She treats both benign and malignant tumors with a focus on soft and primary bone sarcomas. Dr. Carmody Soni earned her medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and graduated with a Distinction in Research. She joins us from MedStar Washington Cancer Institute.

What we are most thrilled to share with you, is her research. Dr. Carmody Soni is heavily involved in both clinical and basic science research and presents her research at meetings across the country. Her primary basic science research focus is in synovial sarcoma. Synovial sarcoma contains a unique chromosomal translocation which results in the formation of a fusion protein, SS18-SSX, which and is only expressed by tumor cells, not normal human cells. She is working on exploiting critical protein partners of this fusion protein which drive tumor growth and developing new therapeutic agents to treat this devastating disease. Developing agents that target the tumor cells only would help to eliminate some of the horrible side effects we see with standard chemotherapeutic agents in synovial sarcoma. Our hope is that this agent will be successful in targeting other sarcomas and tumor types. Her research is partially funded by philanthropic people like you through Steel Lillies.

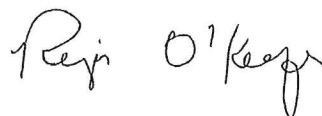
We hope you will continue your support of the Steel Lillies initiative to make sure this important work continues. Dr. Carmody Soni will be attending and sharing her work at the Steel Lillies dinner on Saturday, February 8, 2014. She is looking forward to the opportunity to meet you and personally thank you for your support.

We commend Steel Lillies' commitment to support funding sarcoma research as it effects thousands of people each year, and more so those under the age of twenty. All of us at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center extend our heartfelt gratitude and pledge our continued efforts toward conquering cancer.

Regards,



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