



Dear Dr. _____,

Please accept this letter as an introduction to The Gynecological Carcinosarcoma (GCS) Project, a non-profit organization founded in 2015 by Diane Redington, a nurse practitioner and our friend, who following her diagnosis with carcinosarcoma in 2015 set out to find a cure for this disease. As you know, gynecological carcinosarcoma (or MMMT) is an extremely rare malignancy that has received little in the way of dedicated research or funding. The GCS Project was founded to change that. Thus far, we have raised more than \$350,000, which has been directed for genomic and epigenomic research on carcinosarcoma tissue samples. We are in the middle of raising another \$300-\$400,000 to support a clinical trial this year.

We also hope to provide patients with this disease a means to connect with each other and with expert clinicians around the world. To that end, we have begun to identify a network of physicians and institutions considered Centers of Excellence. These Centers have a disproportionate experience with this disease and offer patients and their families access to research opportunities and certain expertise in clinical management. The centers found at the end of this letter are all actively accepting patients with this disease and are excellent resources for clinicians and patients.

One such physician whom you may know is Dr. Michael Birrer, MD, PhD. Formerly of MGH, he is now the Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama. He has been a leader in the field of carcinosarcoma and has directed much of the groundbreaking research we are supporting.

Given that Dr. Birrer has one of the few clinics in the country dedicated to the care of women with carcinosarcoma, he has offered to consult with colleagues and share his expertise. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Birrer on behalf of your patients. He is a fountain of information and is willing to collaborate with all in the hope of bringing the best options and care to women with this disease. Please contact him via his assistant:

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We also invite you to visit our website, www.gcsproject.org, a unique source of information for patients and healthcare providers. It aims to provide the most up-to-date content found anywhere on this disease. Please feel free to share this resource with any of your other patients.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our efforts, and please feel free to reach out to Dr. Birrer or any of the specialists below on behalf of your patients to help advance and improve the care of women with this disease.

Sincerely,

The GCS Board of Directors

The GCS Project

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Other experts in gynecologic carcinosarcoma who are serving as referrals with The GCS Project:

United States		
Alabama	University of Alabama – Birmingham	Michael Birrer, MD; Rebecca Arend, MD
Connecticut	Yale-New Haven Medical Center	Alessandro Santin, MD
Missouri	Washington University	Matthew Powell, MD
United Kingdom		
London	University College London Hospital	Tim Mould; Jonathan Lederman
Glasgow	University of Glasgow/Institute of Cancer Sciences	Iain McNeish