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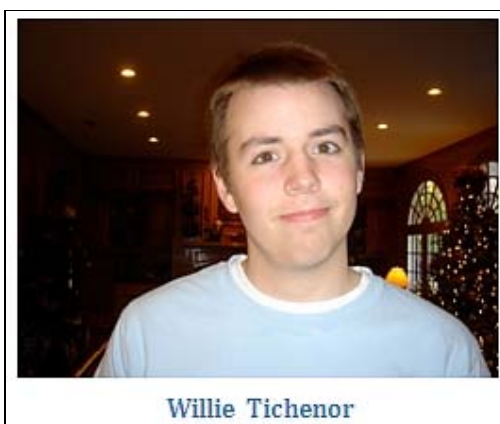
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AN UPDATE FROM THE QUADW FOUNDATION

In 2006, the [WWWWW Foundation, Inc.](#) (QuadW) was created when we lost our son, brother and dear friend, Willie Tichenor, to [osteosarcoma](#). Our board is comprised of Willie's parents, brother, seven of his closest friends and one of his doctors



Willie Tichenor

Our largest grant (\$643,000) has been in partnership with CureSearch, the foundation affiliate of the Children's Oncology Group, to create the QuadW Osteosarcoma Biostatistics and Annotation Office (QuadW OBAO). This project provides infrastructure for the collection and storage of osteosarcoma patient samples by providing personnel support and resources devoted to sample annotation, patient follow-up, and biostatistics.



Dr. Chand Khanna, National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research Senior Scientist and QuadW OBAO project manager, noted, "Most noteworthy of the ongoing accomplishments of the QuadW OBAO was the recent announcement at the Children's Oncology Group Fall 2010

Meeting, that the clinical annotation of the osteosarcoma biospecimen repository had been taken from less than 5% complete

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LATEST NEWS

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to over 90% complete. This accomplishment has markedly enhanced the value of the biospecimen repository. The immediate impact includes the opportunity to complete pending statistical analysis for 14 osteosarcoma biology studies that have in some cases were halted over 5 years ago due to insufficient clinical annotation of the banked materials."

"A second and similarly important advance supported by the QuadW OBAO has been the restructuring of the previously antiquated, inefficient, and slow process of requesting tissues from the osteosarcoma biospecimen repository. On April 27, 2009 the QuadW OBAO in collaboration with the intramural NCI's Center for Cancer Research released a web-based solution. Through this [web-enabled portal](#), investigators interested in the study of osteosarcoma have been able to request samples in support of hypothesis driven research in studies. This system provides efficient review of requests, statistical analysis for feasibility, and reporting of results to investigators."



Left: QuadW board members visiting with COG chair Dr. Greg Reamon and chair-elect.

Right: Dr. Peter Adamson at the September COG meeting.

We at QuadW are very hopeful that efforts of all those associated with the QuadW Osteosarcoma Biostatistics and Annotation Office will translate into a better understanding of osteosarcoma, resulting in more therapeutic options and improved outcomes for patients. We also look forward to extending this model to other sarcoma disease groups that would benefit from this type of support.

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