



A CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE
OF
DANIEL SARGENT
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“I really believe that we have to lead our junior faculty with guidance, but not direction. What does that mean? Let’s put it the opposite way. I don’t think it works to say ‘You have to do this’. That really does not foster intellectual curiosity, and it does not lead to individual personal satisfaction. If we provide opportunities for people to excel and let them grow into their full abilities...that’s when they deliver their best work.”

*—Daniel J. Sargent, PhD on September 19, 2016
Group Statistician, Mentor, and Friend*





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Prayers are with Dr. Sargent's family. His dedication to Alliance was appreciated. Susan Tuttle

Prayers & sympathy to your family. - Janan Gerde Miller





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Dan was one of the kindest, most motivated & enthusiastic researchers that I have come across over the last 15 years since I've been involved with NCCTG & the Alliance. I always looked forward to seeing him and interacting with him twice a year at our group meetings. I'm very sorry for your loss. Much Aloha, Diana Kucmeroski

Dan will be forever remembered for his wonderful work + personal qualities. I was fortunate to meet him this year and feel honored to have known him. He will be incredibly missed.
Kristen Ciambor

Dan's work + significance in cancer research continues on - our prayers to Dan's family. Ben Tan

When I was first a member of the executive committee, Dan was the person who most encouraged me and instilled confidence that there was a reason for me to be there. He was the warmest person always.





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Dan was a confident and impactful investigator. He was dedicated to his team at Mayo and here at the Alliance. I am sorry for your loss! - Deepest Sympathy Jennifer



Dan will be truly missed. You all are in our prayers. Dan H.

Condolences to Dr. Sargent's family
JL





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Dan's Legacy

"Although I only knew Dan for a year, I learned so much from him. As a leader, I admire his respect and trust in his team. He hired the best people and trusted them to do their job. I admire Dan even more for his love of family and his genuine care for others. Dan was a great story teller and he laughed easily. My life is richer for knowing him. He is deeply missed."



-- Jennifer Le-Rademacher, PhD

To The Sargent Family:

I did not know Dan that well, but the times I met him and discussed with him
issues were enlightening. He was a great person, and a great role model. We have lost
a true warrior. My prayers are with you. *M. J. Le-Rademacher*





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I feel privileged and very lucky
to have known & worked with Dan. Over the
years he became a true friend and ally, and I
miss him.
Jive Agyi

To the Sargent Family
Dan Sargent was a kind man who effectively led. His
ability to lead diverse groups of people was remarkable
Jim Pauls





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The Alliance was blessed to have Dan's guidance and leadership for many years - never to be forgotten.

Barbara
Berrett



We will miss him ! Anders Waylen

Dear Sargent family,
It was truly a miracle that we were able to get Dan in our Clinical trial design committees. He was appreciated globally. My prayers are with you. He will be dearly missed. Rakesh Gaur (Kansas City)





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I have known Dan for a number of years. I always admired his attention to detail - but most importantly his commitment to the enterprise for improving cancer care in the U.S. He was not simply a members guy - he saw beyond that to the reason for the members. He was a kind and congenial person whose contribution will be remembered and he will be sorely missed. J. Monty Leitch MD



I have had the great honor to work with and be mentored by Dan. Dan's availability, availability and kindness to so many was such a gift. He seemed to give tirelessly of himself. Hanne Sævi, USC





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Dan was a true leader. He shared his vision, inspired everyone with his excitement leading to many successes. I am honored to have had a chance to work with him. Davi Cummings

Thank you for sharing Dan with us all. I remember him well, foremost as a gentleman scholar, and also as a brilliant man and helpful colleague.
Fraser Symmans, M.D.
Houston, Texas

Dan was an outstanding scientist and an inspiration for all of those who worked with him - we will miss him deeply
Dankena MD

Dan was a great leader and a wonderful man. He will be forever missed and remembered for his achievements with the Alliance

Amazing colleague, brilliant statistician with incredible knowledge of oncologic literature w/ GI. Extremely fair and supportive, the ultimate diplomat. Working with Dan is a highlight of my career. With tremendous gratitude for all he gave to us and was provided by his leadership internationally.





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It is so rare for one to encounter such an accomplished person who valued his colleagues + took pride in their success. His legacy will continue.

So sad for the loss to all of us + esp. his family. Will be greatly missed as a person and cancer research icon. Dennis Wyle

I remember when Dan was elected Group statistician and how much enthusiasm there was and how much everyone loved working with him. Yvonne

Dan was a great. His contributions were immense. In addition to being a great scientist he was a great leader. He inspired many of us. His legacy will long outlast him because he was both generous and inspirational. With respect and sincerest condolences. Deb Schrag.





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In the short amount of time I have worked with Dan, I have never heard colleagues speak so highly of an individual. His legacy will live on at Alliance, and his memory will remain with those who had the pleasure of knowing him.



Dan was an incredible leader + person - He was always interested in ASD. Listened to patients. He cared deeply about the impact of his work on patients and their care - He will be missed.
Patty Specs
North Carolina

He will be truly missed. Deepak Kilar

Dan truly was a visionary who changed my way of approach cooperative group correlative science. We miss him terribly.





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What a true honor it was to have gotten to know Dan, a brilliant, dedicated, kind, and generous individual. He has touched the lives of millions of patients and investigators as well. He epitomized the spirit of collaboration and inspired everyone else to do the same. His impact is ever lasting and he will be forever missed.

George Charney

Dan was so inspirational on how we evolve Clinical Trials. He was the glue between best quality and trial goals.

MICHAEL KWOPF IRAC OHIO

I will remember Dan as a pleasant and brilliant scientist with a unique ability to foster collaboration. He will be missed greatly, but his legacy will be carried forward by all who knew him. He accomplished more in 46 years than most people do in a lifetime!

Dan was the statistician's statistician. Measured, calm, thoughtful and a beloved mentor.

Rick Stone





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IT IS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE ON A PAGE OR MANY PAGES TO SUMMARIZE DAN'S IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO G&S ONCOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY WORK. HIS IMPACT ON MY CAREER THUS FAR HAS BEEN ENORMOUS. WHILE NOT A STATISTICIAN, I HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF EPS AND STATE ANY DAN TRUSTED ME WITH SUCH ENORMOUS RESPECT AND COLLEAGUELY. HIS SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS IN ACCEPT, WITH THE ADJUNCT 80702/IDEA EFFORTS AND SINCE STARTING AS G&S COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR WILL ALWAYS SHAPE MY APPROACH TO RESEARCH, MENTORING AND COLLABORATION. WE RECENTLY MADE THE CONNECTION OF OUR LOVE FOR PLAYING TENNIS (THOUGH AFTER LEARNING BOTH HIS CHILDREN WERE NATURALLY RANNEY, I WAS NOT KEEN TO PROPOSE TO PLAY W/ DAN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT). THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN A LITTLE PART OF DAN'S ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANCER RESEARCH

-JEFF MEYERHARDT



Dan's commitment to the staff within the SDC inspired countless people in their careers & lives. I will always remember the lessons he taught me & I'm a better person for having known him.

- Erin Whelan





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Dear Sargent Family,

We are deeply saddened by the news of Dr. Sargent's sudden passing. Many of us at Celgene had the honor and privilege of working with Dan on multiple projects over the years. Through his collaborative spirit, leadership and strategic thinking, Dan's work with the global cancer community led to significant and incredibly meaningful outcomes for cancer patients worldwide.

Dan made a deep impression on us. We remember him as a brilliant, innovative thinker, and for his humble nature. When meeting with Dan, he always brought a warm smile and an open mind. He was willing to hear different sides of issues and worked hard to find solutions. Dan remains a role model and continues to inspire and motivate us to be our very best. Dan leaves a tremendous, lasting legacy to cancer research and to patients. We miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,
Celgene





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We loved Dan! As the Breast Cancer Committee was learning to integrate biology into clinical research - a real challenge on many fronts for the statisticians! Dan was 100% supportive thoughtful about how to implement change, and kind even when he was saying "no". We will all miss him
Lisa Carey

Dan's memory and work will live on for so very long. His contributions to oncology and our patients are indelible. His loss will be felt widely, but so will his kindness, great work and contributions to science.

Sincerely,
Robin Moly



What a tragedy to lose such a brilliant, important person so early
Peggy Honey





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Dan made remarkable contributions in our fight against cancer. He will be missed.

Caprice Greenberg
U of Wisconsin

Dan - our time together in NCCRB and the Alliance was a wonderful experience for me. You are a beacon of stat knowledge and a good friend.
Dorothy Monton

Dan, you were a true inspiration to me. I will be thinking of you.
David Korono

As the recently appointed DSMB Chair, I was looking forward to a long + productive relationship with Dan. I am grateful for the time I did have with him + his lessons will stay with me forever. I am still in shock but will move forward - Jeff Kirschner





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I was fortunate to work with Dan in recent years and admired his devotion both to his work and to his family. My last visit with him was one where he described a few trips he took with his wife, and the lovely memories he carried from Italy and England.

Terry Hyslop
Duke University

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Dan has contributed so much to cancer research and promoted the field of statistics worldwide. He will be sorely missed.

Donna Niedzwiecki
Alliance Soc.





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Dan's work in cancer trials saved millions and charted oncology service in an unprecedented way. He will be missed! Condolences to family friends and colleagues. Inuzena Shapiro MD

Dan was an amazing person both professionally & personally. He will be missed and my condolences go out to you. Betty Bernick



Dan was an absolute role model for balancing excellence in work + commitment to personal life.





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Dan Sargent was my first true collaborator + simultaneously mentor in CRC Polych. I had the honor of working with him to conduct elderly analyses in NCEHT, proposing trials in adjuvant + metastatic settings and ARCAD. He was a lovely person - he will ALWAYS be missed as a superb research mentor, colleague + gentleman! Nadiné Jackson McKay

Dan was a leader in our field + we will miss his energy + talent.

Benjamin Toyama
Washington University

A kind man who never hesitated to support my research study. I will be forever grateful for his guidance and collegiality - Kelly Parsons, urologist

My deepest sympathies - Peter O'Connell / Univ. of Chicago

Dan was the first person (MD) @ Mayo Clinic's NCCIG. A force for good. A Leader's Role Model. An organizer. Dan always found time for the Patient Advocate. He always smiled. He kept his brilliant brain on high energy + showed it up. Dan was my friend + a part of contact. He is very much missed.





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Dan was a very special person. I had the opportunity to work with him for the past 13 years on different projects. I am so grateful for his contributions in science but also for his wonderful humanity & personality. I am honored to have known him. Best of all, he dearly loved his family & God bless them all. - Leba F. Scheller

Jim O'Brien SCOR-NCORP - Dan always had a smile on his face, a friendly voice, and kind words for everyone.

Jeff Crawford Duke PT/EC Member - Dan was a great leader who got the best out of people with whom he worked. We all miss him.

Dan's memory will always be remembered and Honored at Alliance. Praying that God comforts you and your family. May his legacy live on in your family.

Dan's contribution to the field of medical oncology is truly astounding. He is a role model for all of us.





Dan's Legacy

"I would often discuss opportunities with Dan which I thought were a bit crazy (i.e., beyond my level of expertise). Dan was always highly supportive and encouraging. I still vividly remember the day I walked into his office filled with dread to tell him that I was moving to Mayo Arizona. I'm not sure what I was expecting (disappointment perhaps?), but Dan was instantly happy for me and then immediately started discussing how he could help me to succeed in my new role! Thank you, Dan, for your years of mentorship in person and from afar -- you have forever changed me."



-- Amylou Dueck, PhD

*Thank you for all your contribution to the cancer research through Alliance.
I know you are in a great place and will be missed.* Sandip Mehta





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Dan
Thank you for all
the difference you
have made in the
life of so many
patients.
Dr. Najera

Dear
family
of North
and an attempt
at fishing in
Florida
D. Sargent

Dear Sargent family
It has been a pleasure working with Dan at
several levels in trial design. He'll be missed dearly. May He be with you.
Rakesh Gaur (Kansas City).





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Don was internationally recognized, respected, & loved not only for his scientific contributions, but for his personality, his humor, his humanity. He is irreplaceable & will always be remembered.
David Olson

Don was not only an amazing satirist/sarcasmist but also an incredibly wonderful human being - He is missed, Scott Tagawa

Don,
Thanks for all
your contributions
to the oncology
community
Gilbert

Don,
It was tremendous to
learn from you. You were such
a great influence on everyone.
You will be missed.
Tyler Zemla

I will remember Dan for his unparalleled
collegiality in EVERY interaction.

Wayne Brumley (Wash U)





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Dan was an inspiration to us and our Myeloma Committee was privileged to work with him and his amazing team, a true tribute to his brilliance. He was above all a caring and nurturing leader who will be so missed. His spirit lives on with us and our group in every best possible sense.
Pam Richardson of the Myeloma Committee.

Dan made research & stats so understandable - his gentle nature was wonderful. He always had a smile for you. Phyllis Nassi

DAN shared with me that he married his high school sweetheart 😊 Coleen

Personality, conviction and dedication over his ailments will never forget his humanity, humour and ~~brilliance~~
Frank Portfield





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We will miss your leadership and passion, Dan. You are an inspiration and role model for us all. God bless Dan & Gerie
Duff

I only got to meet Dan once
but was struck immediately
by what an amazing
person he was. I hope his
values can live on in us.
James Blackly





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- As a young investigator with a new concept, I had a lot of people/committees rejecting/putting down my concept. I had 3 Statisticians work on my protocol, all eventually left the Alliance. Dan was kind and wonderful enough not only to fill in as a Statistician but to advocate for the design/Statistics of the protocol. He spent hours working with me and perfecting the protocol, when we finally went to present the protocol to the NCI, it was unfavorably reviewed. Dan fought for the protocol and helped me get the protocol approved. I am forever grateful for all the dedication, patience, ~~kind~~ kindness and support he has offered me. I would like to dedicate this protocol to Dan, the "AMBASSADOR" study as it represents the person Dan was. I will miss him very much. Andrea Spolo

We are thinking of
you and your family
and share in your
loss. Alison Walker

Sorry for your loss,
Evi Antwerp

Dan was a leader and inspiration. He had a huge impact and will have a lasting impact on people who knew him and the field in general. Jane Perlmutter





Dan's Legacy

"....Through his words and his actions, Dan taught me how to thrive in a fast-paced, collaborative environment, and helped me find myself as a statistician. More importantly, Dan was a perfect example of what I hope to become personally. He was incredibly kind and thoughtful, and just being around him was enough to brighten my day. He loved his family very much, and seemed to always put them first. He was the greatest mentor I've ever had, and I will miss him terribly."



-- Jared Foster, PhD

Dan was one of the first Alliance participants I met as a newbie advocate (coming from the airport). He was so supportive and calming to help me understand the importance of my role... thank you Dan. Kay Kay.





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Dan was a friend of cancer patients everywhere and actively sought our input into the research. We considered him a friend & colleague
Pat Sever

Dan was an amazing individual who could take complex statistics and turn it into basic English for the non-statistician. Cool & calm, he made sure what we do here was sound and reasonable.
Jon Strawn

Dan was such a huge presence in our community. I remember being in a meeting years ago and I didn't know who he was, but I remember distinctly that when he started talking everyone listened intently. He will be missed.
Tra Hauser

Dan,
Your kindness, collegiality, intelligence, and collaborative spirit will be missed, but your legacy will live on in your work and people you have trained and touched during your lifetime.
Wendy





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Dan was extremely kind to all he worked with. He would always take time to answer questions and was a master of explaining difficult concepts in an understandable way. He is greatly missed.
Dan And

Dan was an incredible role of kindness and team work.
Jan Buel

It's hard to think of a more essential leader than Dan. His smarts, heart, and enthusiasm will be very hard to replace. Very best wishes to his family.
- Ben Sanford

Dan was a great leader and a wonderful man. He will be forever missed and remembered for his achievements with the Alliance

Thankyou for what you have done for the patients, families and for the scientific community. You will be missed.
SHAMSUDDIN JIRANI

Dan was not only a phenomenally successful professional but was a remarkably nice guy! It was my privilege to know him.
Gavin Sooin MD





Dan's Legacy

"Dan did not give up on things easily; things that I just wanted to forsake, he pushed me the hardest. And it rejoiced him when he saw my progress in those domains. It is said that people show their true color at difficulties. And through Dan, I saw a fighter and a great advocator."

-- Vivien Yin, PhD

Dan will be missed. He has been a great colleague, collaborator, and friend. I won't even forget his ~~reconciliation~~ ^{empathic} and ~~reassuring~~ voice telling me over the phone about the outcome of 80802.
Ghassan Abou-Alfa, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center





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My deepest sympathy to the Sargent
Family on your loss. He was a good man!!
(Aleen)

Dan,
You have influenced so
many people in so
many ways. You will
be missed tremendously.
Jennifer Chan

Dan, you are
tremendously missed.
Your legacy will continue
forever.
John

I knew Dan for more than 10 years. I greatly respected
his analytical approach, and yet his first concern was
always to be patient-centered. Dan was a true giant
in medicine, and he has left an indelible impact on
our world. I will sorely miss Dan and pray
God bless him. Dan Makovich (MD) PhD





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Jeff Abrams - NCI - Dan accepted all the challenges we posed and thrived. We will sorely miss his leadership,



Condolences to Dr. Sargent's family. He will be missed by his Alliance family. Debra Hryz





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Although I didn't not know
him personally I am
aware of his massive
contribution to oncology
which will forever live on
Gulam Mangi

Thank you, Dan, for
all that you taught
us. Your legacy will
live on in the hearts
of the patient's lives
you've changed.
Respectfully, Jane Varian

Dan will be missed by us all.
Yulia Wen
Chicago

Dan was an incredible
leader in oncology
and his contributions
to the field were
countless. He will
be missed.
Melin Way
UCSF

Dan always brought a smile
to the room and a kind word.
Scott Wickman





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My favorite quality in Dan was his ability to listen and understand all the parts of a discussion, and offer feedback and guidance. Katie ~~Allen~~ ^{Allen}

Dan was a kind, caring, gentle and brilliant person. He is truly missed and so appreciated for his leadership and friendship. Please know that his spirit lives on in the work to end this terrible disease.
Eleanor Paskett





Dan's Legacy

"We began to work closely with Dan through the merger of the North Central and CALGB. His rigor, humanity, precision, and drive came through in everything he did. His advice – whether directed at the biostatistical design of a study, the management of a team of investigators, or the interpretation and presentation of a result – always kept the patient at the center and helped us try to develop and deliver clinical research that matters!"



-- Eric Winer, MD and Clifford Hurdis, MD

I did not know Dan personally but was very impressed as I observed his work with the Alliance. My sympathy to Dan's family; I am so sorry for your loss. Brenda Klebhart

*Dan,
You were inspiration to us all, & a limitless source of support.
Michael Morris*





Dan's Legacy

"Dan has had an ever lasting impact on the oncology clinical trials system both domestically and internationally and has contributed to the well-being of countless cancer victims and their families. His guidance and wisdom will be sorely missed. My condolences and prayers go to Dan's family for their and our loss."



-- Stephen Grubbs, MD

I loved Dan's enthusiasm for Cancer Research, and his ability to tackle difficult problems. His contributions to the community were immense, he will be deeply missed.
- Michael Carstano



Remarks by Dr. James Doroshow of NCI during a tribute to Dr. Dan Sargent at the November 2, 2016 Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting

It's a sad but wonderful opportunity that we have to take a minute or two to think about the career of one of the first members of CTAC, one of the founding members, Dan Sargent, who you all know recently passed away. Let me say a few things personally about Dan's contribution, because all of you know already how much he contributed to the Mayo Clinic and how much he contributed to the feasibility of actually putting together the Mayo Clinic clinical trials resources with the CALGB. It never would have happened without Dan.

But beyond that, he had a personal commitment to understanding how to treat colon cancer and how to develop new endpoints for colon cancer. I think everyone who knew him and worked with him understood clearly that he was not just a biostatistician who crunched numbers. He was a supreme clinical investigator who could get to the heart of almost any issue.

As we were thinking about how the various cooperative groups were going to come together and how we were going to do IT across the group system and even at the Mayo Clinic, Dan spearheaded our efforts to bring everybody together, to come to a coalescence around what kind of IT the NCI should purchase, what the characteristics of those systems ought to be.

And I could tell you -- because he used to sit right here, almost always, at CTAC meetings -- when something just didn't smell right, Dan would just have no hesitation about telling you, in his very calm way, that you didn't know what you were talking about. It was never offensive, but it was always clear and to the point. And I remember presentations at the FDA where we learned what you could do in terms of using progression free survival as a criterion for colorectal cancer trials, which changed how we looked at those studies, and it's 100 other things.

And, of course, all the ways that he contributed his time, took away from his academic productivity, to work on committee after committee after committee for those incredibly rewarding honoraria that you all get, and he made innumerable visits to Bethesda from Rochester.

And so I would like for everyone to think about all the incredible things that he did in really a relatively short time frame. There's not one of us around this table who wouldn't love to be remembered for his level of academic productivity. Personally, I would love it if we remembered him for the incredible level of collegiality that he brought to the enterprise of doing clinical investigation because it was, bar none, at the highest possible level.

We should all aspire to that level of collegiality and that level of academic insight. And that's the kind of memory that I would like to carry forward of him and what he contributed to all of our lives.

