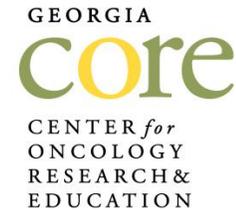


CORE NEWS

August 2013



Upcoming Events

GASCO Annual Meeting
Sept. 6, Atlanta

Head and Neck Cancers
Symposium
Sept. 7, Atlanta

Northside Hospital's
Wine, Women & Shoes
Sept. 8, Atlanta

Power Foods: Fueling
Your Body for Wellness
Sept. 14, Ball Ground

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Northeast Georgia Cancer Care wins ASCO national clinical trial participation award



More than 30 cancer clinical trials are currently being conducted in Athens, thanks to **Northeast Georgia Cancer Care**, one of only seven community oncology practices in the U.S. to be awarded the 2013 clinical trials participation award by the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. NEGCC is only the second practice in Georgia to receive this award. **Central Georgia Hematology & Oncology Associates** in Macon received the award in 2003.

"For people with cancer, longer life expectancy and better quality of life are among the benefits of clinical trials," said NEGCC's Petros G. Nikolinakos, MD. [Read more](#)

GASCO readies for annual meeting Sept. 6-7 in Atlanta

The Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology (GASCO) will hold its 2013 Annual Meeting and Best of ASCO® Sept. 6-7 at the Intercontinental Hotel/Buckhead in Atlanta. New this year is the first session on Friday Sept. 6 at 1:00 p.m. titled, "CLINICAL THINK TANK: Optimization of diagnosis and treatment of advanced lung cancer in the era of molecular oncology," with case presentations by Dr. Rudolfo Bordoni of **Georgia Cancer Specialists**, Dr. Vincent Miller of **Foundation Medicine** and Dr. Suresh Ramalingam of the **Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University**. [Read more](#)

Four GOG affiliates acknowledged for accrual rate

The Georgia CORE Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) Consortium held a working group meeting last month in conjunction with the semi-annual GOG meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Eighteen investigators and research managers attended the meeting, chaired by principal investigator Sharad A. Ghamande, MD. Participants reviewed semi-annual enrollment and acknowledged **Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler, Northside Hospital, Georgia Regents University, and Northeast Georgia Medical Center** (in rank order) for accruing 92 percent, or 36 of the 39 patients enrolled in GOG trials in the first half of the year. [Read more](#)

CORE Bits



Sam Murphy, cancer survivor, has been featured on our new commercial on WSB-TV for GeorgiaCancerInfo.org. If you don't get WSB, stay tuned, as the commercial will air on your local Georgia Public Broadcast station soon!

Georgia CORE is a nonprofit enterprise working to strengthen the quality of cancer care in Georgia. Funded by the Georgia Research Alliance, Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, government grants, research contracts and private contributions, Georgia CORE marshals several cancer-focused entities into a single force to help Georgians fight the disease.

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In July, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked five hospitals in Georgia - all members of the Georgia CORE network - as High Performing in Cancer: **Emory University Hospital and Northside Hospital** in Atlanta, **Memorial University Medical Center** in Savannah, **Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital** in Albany, and **Medical Center of Central Georgia** in Macon. Additionally, of the more than 900 hospitals listed in Cancer, only the top 50 hospitals in the nation are ranked, based on a score out of 100. Emory ranked #44. See the [full list here](#).



Cancer survivors are featured in the new exhibit, "CANCER: Survivors in Focus" at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum in Atlanta. Open through Sept. 10, the exhibit features survivors who are also employees of the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**, a photographer's autobiographical account of his cancer journey, as well as survivors and caregivers in 14 countries around the world. *Pictured left: "Harmala Gupta" from Without Borders: The Global Face of Cancer series by Carolyn Taylor.*

Access to medical histories and treatment records just got easier with "MyJourney Compass," a pilot project designed to help patients navigate the complex cancer treatment process and become more involved their health care decisions. Operated through the **Georgia Department of Community Health**, the project is a collaboration of the **Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition** and health information specialists at the [Georgia Institute of Technology](#).

Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta has become the newest satellite member of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, an international research organization dedicated to the testing and application of the highest-quality cancer treatment.

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