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CORE NEWS

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Upcoming Events

5K Latino Walk
for Health
April 7, 7:00 a.m.
Northeast Plaza at
Plaza Fiesta

EduCare's Breast Health
Navigator Training
April 29 - May 2
Emory University
Conference Center

Check Georgia CORE's
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information on these
and more events.

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**CPNG grant
awarded to
NGMC nurse**

New online breast cancer screening tool available

The Georgia Breast Cancer Genomics Consortium has been working in unique ways to increase the identification of young women at high risk for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC). Recently, partners of the consortium targeted breast and cervical cancer programs at DeKalb and Bibb counties' health departments to rollout the new Breast Cancer Referral Screening Tool, also called B-RST.

Found on BreastCancerGeneScreen.org, B-RST is a simple tool designed to identify high-risk women who should be referred for cancer genetic counseling about HBOC and genetic testing. While other screening tools are available, B-RST requires only a few minutes to complete, can be utilized by both consumers and health care providers, and requires no specialized training in cancer genetics to either administer or interpret.



"B-RST is a validated family history screening tool with high sensitivity, specificity, and discriminatory accuracy," said Kimberly Lewis, Genetic Services Specialist for Georgia CORE and Genetic Counselor.

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Nancy Paris to speak along with Gov. Barnes at ACS breakfast

On March 14, Georgia CORE president and CEO Nancy Paris will join three other speakers including former Governor Roy Barnes at the annual Georgia Research Breakfast of the **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network**. The Cancer Action Network is the non-partisan advocacy affiliate of ACS.

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CORE Bits

- In February, the **GASCO** Board of Directors approved a \$50,000 grant to Georgia CORE for support of the GeorgiaCancerInfo.org online cancer information center and for Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia. Pictured with Nancy Paris is GASCO's Executive Director, Russ Still, and Director, Karen Beard, who were awarded "Gold Stars" last November in recognition of GASCO's long-term partnership.

Lisa Bridges, a nurse and Certified Breast Cancer Navigator at Northeast Georgia Medical Center has been named the first recipient of the Matt Mumber, MD Visionary Award and winner of a \$2,000 grant funded by GASCO and Georgia CORE, founding partners of Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia.

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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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- At its annual meeting in February, GASCO awarded its "Practice of the Year" to the **Oncology Department of Harbin Clinic** in Rome in recognition of its commitment to excellence and its support of the cancer care community in Georgia. Selection is also based on commitment to research and active participation in GASCO, its educational offerings and programs sponsored by Georgia CORE.
- Georgia CORE Director **Angie Patterson** spoke at the American Psychosocial Oncology Conference in February, updating participants on Georgia's Commission on Cancer Survey for Survivorship Care Planning.
- Though there are only a handful of genetic counseling locations throughout Georgia, healthcare professionals can partner with a program to provide on-site services, or reference **InformedDNA**, a national service that provides telephone genetic counseling.
- **Georgia Regents University Cancer Center** has launched a dedicated cancer genetics clinic, so patients can find out if they are at greater risk and how they can try to reduce that risk.
- UGA Alumna **Nancy Paris** was featured in the UGA Alumni Association Executive Director's [blog](#) in February, recognizing her for being named to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* top health care leaders list.

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