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From all of us at Georgia CORE to all of you who work to improve the quality of cancer care everyday, have a happy and joyful Thanksgiving.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 19  
Georgia CORE  
Annual Meeting  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Atlanta

## CORE Bits

Thank you to everyone who responded to or shared the cancer survivor [Needs Assessment Survey](#). So far, Georgia CORE has received 916 responses that will better inform hospitals, organizations, agencies and other interested groups on how to care for this growing group of people. The survey will close on Dec. 19. Results will be available Spring 2015.

## ACTS grants awarded to seven more organizations; RFP for next round released

The Georgia Access to Care, Treatment and Services (ACTS) grant has been awarded to seven more organizations, this round totaling \$400,000 in funds awarded and collected through the sale and renewal of the state's Breast Cancer Awareness license tags. \$600,000 was awarded in June to 10 organizations, and a Request for Proposals has just been issued for the next round, to be awarded in April 2015. The latest ACTS grant winners are **West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition** in Columbus; **Grady Health Foundation, YWCA of Greater Atlanta, Boat People SOS**, and **Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, Inc.** in Atlanta; **Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition** in Rome; and **St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital** in Savannah. [Read more.](#)

## GeorgiaCancerInfo awareness continues thanks to Georgia Health Foundation



In September, **Georgia Health Foundation** granted Georgia CORE with \$25,000 to continue a statewide awareness campaign for our flagship website, GeorgiaCancerInfo.org. Through Dec. 10, the website is featured (as above) on three billboards, one in each of three markets. Look for our board in Gainesville on I-985 near the Northeast Georgia Medical Center, in Macon near Central Georgia Cancer Care, and in Rome near the Harbin Clinic.

"We are so very grateful to our partners at Georgia Health Foundation for supporting our efforts in raising awareness of GeorgiaCancerInfo.org," said Georgia CORE President Nancy Paris. "They understand the importance of reaching patients, survivors and caregivers across the state with information about cancer care and service. [Read more.](#)

## First clear guidelines issued on use of

Georgia CORE Vice President **Angie Patterson** participated in a Breast Cancer in the Workplace Forum that was covered during [WSB-TV's show, "People to People"](#) as well as in the Oct. 25 issue of the Athens Banner Herald.

November is **Family History Month** and a great opportunity to learn about and embrace your family tree. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and families reconnect, why not make this Thanksgiving your occasion to learn more from your family 's health? [www.hhs.gov/familyhistory](http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory)

### Got News?

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## complementary therapies for breast cancer

More than eighty percent of breast cancer patients in the U. S. use complementary therapies following a breast cancer diagnosis, but there has been little science-based guidance to inform clinicians and patients about their safety and effectiveness. In newly published guidelines from the Society for Integrative Oncology, researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center with colleagues at MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Michigan, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and other institutions in the U.S. and Canada analyzed which integrative treatments appear to be most effective and safe for patients. They evaluated more than 80 different therapies.

"Most breast cancer patients have experimented with integrative therapies to manage symptoms and improve quality of life. But of the dozens of products and practices marketed to patients, we found evidence that only a handful currently have a strong evidence base," said Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD, assistant professor of Epidemiology at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health and president of the Society for Integrative Oncology. [Read more.](#)

**Georgia CORE** is an independent nonprofit that generates collaborative resources for cancer prevention, care, research and education. Funded by government and foundation grants, research contracts, sponsorships and private contributions, Georgia CORE fosters collaboration toward better cancer care and faster answers. Its flagship initiative is [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](http://GeorgiaCancerInfo.org), the first statewide online cancer information center.

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