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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GASCO's 2015 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium Review

January 9, 2016
Atlanta, GA

Cancer Survivorship Symposium: Advancing Care and Research: A Primary Care and Oncology Collaboration

January 15-16, 2016
San Francisco, CA

Semi-Annual NRG Oncology

January Meeting
January 21-24, 2016
Atlanta, GA

Wit: "The Big C"

Aurora Theatre
A conversation followed by
"Wit," the play.
Wednesday, February 3, 2015
7:15 pm - 7:55 pm

Cooking Matters in Northwest Georgia

The **Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition** partnered with **Summit Quest** and **Redmond Regional Medical Center** to offer **Cooking Matters™**, a cooking class for kids and families with a cancer diagnosis. **Cooking Matters™** empowers families at risk of hunger with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make healthy and affordable meals. Learn more [here](#).

Congratulations to President Carter and the Carter Family!

We are pleased to congratulate the **Carters** on his announcement that his most recent MRI brain scan did not reveal any signs of cancer! Treated here in Georgia at the **Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University**, his physicians used immunotherapeutic drugs to treat his Stage IV melanoma. Read more [here](#).

Gap is Gone: Breast Cancer Rates Now Equal in Blacks, Whites

Breast cancer rates among black women increased from 2008 to 2012 in the United States, eliminating a the gap that had existed for decades between black and white women, according to a study from the American Cancer Society. Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to Georgia's BCCP for celebrating 20 years of great service!

Georgia's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, administered statewide by the **Department of Public Health**, celebrated its 20th anniversary at Lake Blackshear, October 27-28, 2015.

Georgia was first awarded federal funds from CDC beginning in 1995 to screen under-served, uninsured, low income women ages 50-64, who are never/rarely screened for breast and cervical cancer. In the past 20 years, 169,000 women have received screening and diagnostic services through the **Breast and Cervical Cancer Program** with combined federal and state funds.



CORE Bits

New National Guidelines: Do you know about the new **American Cancer Society (ACS) Colorectal Cancer Survivorship Care** and **ACS/American Society of Clinical Oncology Breast Cancer Survivorship Care Guidelines?** You can access them [here](#).

Are you a college sports fan? Watch for advertising for GeorgiaCancerInfo.org on www.georgiadogs.com and www.ramblinwreck.com.

[Cancer Survivorship Connection, Survivors™ Voices - hear from cancer survivors in Georgia about their unique journeys, and use your own voice to share your story as well!](#)



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Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, DPH Commissioner, **Dr. Robert Smith**, Senior Director of Cancer Control at the American Cancer Society, **Captain Jacqueline Miller**, MD, USPHS, Medical Director, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, CDC, and **Dr. Cletus Arciero**, FACS, Associate Professor of Surgery, Emory University were among featured guest speakers at the two day meeting.

Cancer Meds Often Bring Big Out-of-Pocket Costs for Patients, Report Finds

Cancer patients shopping on federal and state insurance marketplaces often find it difficult to determine whether their drugs are covered and how much they will pay for them, the advocacy arm of the **American Cancer Society** says in a report that also calls on regulators to restrict how much insurers can charge patients for medications. Read more [here](#).

Northside's Cancer Institute Receives Colonoscopy Grant

Northside Hospital Cancer Institute (NHCI) received a \$3,597 grant from the **Colon Cancer Coalition** to help reduce the financial burden of colonoscopies for underserved patients in the Atlanta area. Read more [here](#).

Louisiana election could boost Medicaid expansion in other states

According to an article in Modern Healthcare, the recent election of a Democratic governor in Louisiana who is committed to expanding **Medicaid** under the **Affordable Care Act** has given hope to hospitals and other advocacy groups that back expansion of coverage to low-income adults in the 20 states where Republican leaders so far have not done so. Supporters say it gives political momentum to the expansion push in states in the South and Midwest. Another factor is that more rural hospitals are closing in non-expansion states, and industry leaders warn this will continue without Medicaid expansion. Read more about how it may affect Georgia [here](#).

Georgia CORE is a public-private partnership designed to bring higher quality, better organized and more cost-effective care to cancer patients and survivors. The organization's Board of Directors is composed of cancer experts from leading cancer centers and academic institutions. CORE's network develops innovative tools and resources for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare providers and researchers. Our collective vision is to contribute to the state's distinction as a national leader in cancer care and research and to better health for all Georgians. CORE's flagship resource, www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org is the only statewide online information center of its kind, where details can be found on oncologists, clinical trials and treatment centers throughout the state.

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