

NEW

Georgia CORE GOG Consortium Achieves Full Member Status

Active members of the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium: Memorial Health University and the Medical College of Georgia exceeded 2009 enrollment projections by 21%. Thanks to their accrual efforts, the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium reached the targeted mid-year accrual points and was awarded full member status. However, there is still a lot of work ahead.

In order to maintain full membership, Don Gallup, MD, Principal Investigator will work with the Emory/Winship Cancer Institute, Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence/Grady Health System and John B. Amos Cancer Center to enroll patients before the year end.

NOW

Georgia CORE Research Network Sites Substantially Enroll in Abraxis (ABI-007)

Community participation in the ABI-007 study currently accounts for 40 percent of the total enrollment. Northeast Georgia Cancer Care, LLC in Athens, GA recently enrolled an additional patient in the Abraxis Study: ABI-007, the neoadjuvant trial of Trastuzumab in combination with dose-dense ABI007 (Abraxane) followed by Vinorelbine.

The study is open at the following Georgia CORE research network sites:

- Dekalb Medical/Georgia Cancer Specialists
- Emory/Winship Cancer Institute
- Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence/Grady Health System
- Northeast Georgia Cancer Care
- Piedmont Hospital/Peachtree Hematology Oncology Consultants.

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CORE Physicians Honored as Distinguished Cancer Scholars

Thomas E. Seay, MD, PhD and Frederick M. Schnell, MD, FACP were recently honored as two of 19 Distinguished Cancer Scholars named by the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Dr. Thomas Seay is the Principal Investigator for the NCI-funded Atlanta Regional Community Oncology Program (ARCCOP) based at Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. He currently serves as Chairman of the Georgia CORE Board of Directors and has served on the Board since its inception. Dr. Seay's Distinguished Cancer Scholar appointment will allot \$100,000 each year for five years to focus on the following: expanding clinical trials access into rural communities, facilitating activation of cooperative group and Georgia CORE sponsored clinical trials and working with colleagues at Saint Joseph's Hospital and Georgia Tech on clinical trials that would complement the Molecular and proteomic Analysis of Pancreatic Tissue being conducted at Georgia Tech.

Dr. Frederick Schnell is a Medical Oncologist and Medical Director for the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. He was the founding chairman of Georgia CORE and currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer. As a Distinguished Cancer Scholar, he will receive \$100,000 annually for 5 years to enhance MCCG's multidisciplinary team model to managing breast cancer care, and expand it to serve patients with colorectal, prostate and lung cancers. The plan also includes collaboration with regional physicians to assure availability of care and research protocols.

Congratulations to Dr. Seay and Dr. Schnell for being honored as GCC Distinguished Cancer Scholars.

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