

# CORE NEWS

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## CORE Bits

Have you seen the latest [Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2016-2017](#) from the [American Cancer Society](#)?

Congratulations to the **West Georgia Medical Center in LaGrange, Georgia** for being named a **Top 100 Hospital**. This **National Benchmark for Success 2016 Award** is given by **Modern Healthcare**, nominated as a large community hospital (250 or more acute-care beds).

Celebrate the fathers in your life this June by encouraging them to get up to date on their **cancer screening tests**. You can find four of the most common tests listed [here](#).

Are you a college sports fan? Watch for advertising for [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](#) on [www.georgiadogs.com](#) and [www.ramblinwreck.com](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Blood Cancer Conference 2016](#)

Atlanta, Georgia  
July 23, 2016

### [Atlanta Cancer Symposium 2016](#)

Atlanta, Georgia  
August 26, 2016

### [2016 GASCO Annual Meeting and Best of ASCO](#)

Atlanta, Georgia  
September 9, 2016

### [Navigation & Survivorship Conference](#)

Las Vegas, NV

## Luncheon Held to Recognize Breast Cancer License Tag Awardees and Grant Reviewers



On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Georgia CORE hosted a **Breast Cancer License Tag Awardee Luncheon** at the Loudermilk Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The 45 attendees represented 18 organizations and 6 reviewers from across the state of Georgia. Each organization showed how grants were used to fight breast cancer among underserved women. \$22 from each Breast Cancer License Tag purchase or renewal is awarded to non-profits by Georgia CORE based on a review by cancer experts. The proposals are categorized as either educational or treatment programs. To date, it has provided for 6,453 Screening and Diagnostic Mammograms, 124 Biopsies, 642 Ultrasounds, 140,977 People Trained, 4,471 Cases of Navigation and Case Management, 965 Patients Treated and 67 Genetic Tests. The program is sponsored by the State Office of Rural Health. Read more [here](#).

## Survivorship Program Flourishes in LaGrange



Art Therapy Attendees

With hard work, dedication, and a little creativity, the **Enoch Callaway Cancer Clinic** in LaGrange, Georgia, and the **West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition** in Columbus, Georgia, are pioneering a survivorship program to meet the needs of its local cancer survivors. The Enoch Clinic, a Commission on Cancer Accredited Hospital, conducted a survivorship needs assessment which showed a need for complementary therapy programs. Enoch began by developing their "Curvy Yoga Therapy" and "Art Therapy." Following the success of these programs, they discovered a need for nutrition education among the survivors. Thus, "Live, Laugh, Learn - A Nutrition Experience" was created. Read more [here](#).

## NCI-MATCH Precision Medicine Trial Resumed Gene Testing of Patients May 31st

Enrollment of patients in the **National Cancer Institute-Molecular Analysis for Therapy Choice (NCI-MATCH)** phase II precision medicine cancer trial resumed on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, as announced by the **ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group (ECOG-ACRIN)**. The trial will be available in nearly 900 medical facilities nationwide. Read more [here](#).

November 17, 2016

**[Cancer Survivorship Connection: Have you helped your patient set up a Survivorship Care Plan?](#)**



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## Kathy McDonagh and Nancy Paris presented "Leadership Labyrinth"



Kathy McDonagh, PhD

**Kathy McDonagh, PhD and Nancy Paris, MS**, Georgia CORE's President, presented a "**Leadership Labyrinth**" Competency-Based Learning Session at the **2nd Annual Leadership Summit for Women in Academic Medicine and Healthcare at the University of Michigan**.

Their presentation was designed to define the Leadership Labyrinth as it

relates to women's career advancement, describe two of the barriers that prevent women from advancing in line with their career aspirations, identify two benefits of gender diversity in healthcare leadership and to list three strategies corporations can undertake to support gender diversity in the executive suite and board room. Read more about effective population health strategies and leadership diversity [here](#).



Nancy Paris, MS

**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](http://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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