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Investigator's Meeting Marks Path for Site Activation: Pfizer Study A7471028 Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

An Investigator's Meeting, sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., was held on May 6, 2009 to review the protocol and administrative documents for Georgia CORE sites interested in opening the study. Suresh Ramalingam, MD is the National Investigator for the Pfizer study A7471028: Randomized Phase II Trial of PF-00299804 versus Erlotinib for the treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer after failure of at least one prior chemotherapy regimen. The study will open at the following CORE Research Network sites:

- Amos Cancer Center/Columbus Regional
- Dekalb Medical/Georgia Cancer Specialists
- Emory University Hospital Midtown
- Emory Winship Cancer Institute
- Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health System
- Northeast Georgia Health System/ Gainesville
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital/ Albany

The trial is approved by Emory IRB and Western IRB and was vetted at the October 2008 meeting of Georgia CORE's Lung Cancer Working Group co-chaired by Rodolfo E. Bordoni, MD and Suresh Ramalingam, MD.

New Research at Morehouse School of Medicine Solves Breast Cancer Puzzle

Morehouse School of Medicine's (MSM) researchers have solved one of the biggest puzzles in breast cancer research - how and why BRCA1 dysfunction results in tissue-specific breast and ovarian cancers. The health implications of this study in cancer health disparities are immense.

According to the results by Veena N. Rao, Ph.D. professor and co-director of the Cancer Biology Program, in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of MSM, Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, the paper **reveals why women with alterations in the BRCA1 gene often develop Estrogen-receptor negative breast cancers, which could potentially lead to function-based cellular assays that can validate their risk for developing these aggressive breast cancers**, where she served as senior author, will be published in the April 2009 online issue of International Journal of Oncology, Volume 34, No 4. For more on this story, please visit www.georgiacore.org.

Georgia Investigator's Access Georgia Breast Cancer Trial Webcast

Ruth O'Regan, MD received a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Atlanta to promote minority accrual to Georgia CORE clinical trials. One feature was to produce webcast updates for Georgia Investigators on the Investigator-Initiated breast cancer studies being conducted through the Georgia CORE Research Network. Two webcasts detailing protocol and enrollment updates were posted and tracked on the Georgia CORE website. Figures 1 and 2 display the total number of views for each webcast.

Figure 1: January 2009 Update (390 viewers)

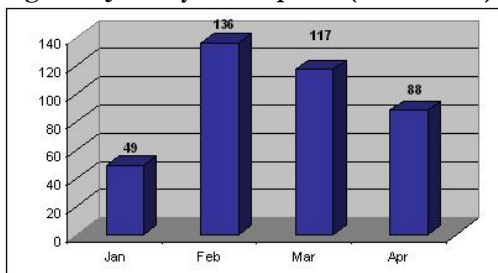
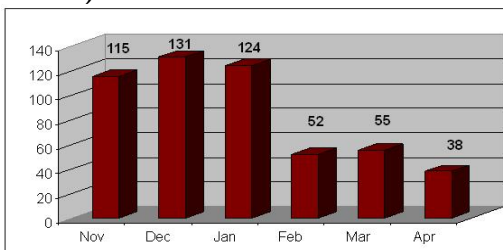


Figure 2: November 2008 Update (515 viewers)



Event Calendar:

**6/17/2009-
Lung Cancer Working
Group Meeting**
6:30pm
Atlanta, GA
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