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CORE Releases Minority Enrollment Data for Breast Cancer Investigator-Initiated Trials

Data collected on accrual to two Georgia CORE sponsored Breast Cancer Trials revealed that the cumulative enrollment of minority patients was 55.5%. Accrual of African American patients in community sites was 60% (10 of the 17 patients enrolled) and accrual of all minorities (African American, Asian and Hispanic) in academic affiliate sites (Grady and Winship) was 55%.

The successful recruitment of minority patients in clinical trials is an issue of concern as studies report that minority participation is declining (Evelyn and colleagues, 2001) and minority populations are less like to participate in and be offered a clinical trial (American College of Surgeons, 2004).

Four New Members Join the CORE Research Network

Georgia CORE has four new members of the Research Network:

- Archbold Medical Center, Thomasville
- Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler, Savannah
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville
- Northside Hospital Cancer Center, Atlanta

The Research Network serves to unite academic and community-based scientists, clinicians, educators, public health practitioners, survivors and advocates across Georgia. Research Network members have access to Georgia CORE clinical trials, Working Groups and other clinical research initiatives.

Expansion of Georgia CORE GOG Consortium

The GOG Consortium achieved its membership goals and is a full member of the cooperative group in 2009. Minority participants accounted for 22 percent of accrual to the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium last year.

Donald Gallup, MD is the Principal Investigator and Sharad Ghamande, MD is the Co-Principal Investigator. Sites enrolling patients in 2009 included Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady, Medical Center of Central Georgia, Medical College of Georgia, and Memorial Health University Medical Center. Current discussions with potential new affiliates will expand access to GOG trials in 2010.

Georgia CORE Makes Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Available to Cancer Clinical Research Sites

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Network are now available electronically to all research sites. SOP categories include Study Start-Up, Study Management, Data Management, Privacy Issues and Quality Assurance. SOPs serve as another measure to increase the quality of clinical trials by means of standardized processes. The utilization of SOPs can guarantee consistent courses of action among clinical research support staff, Investigators and other related parties.

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CORE Event Corner:

April 24th- First Annual Cancer Genetics Seminar at the Dekalb Medical Cancer Center
Decatur, GA

April 28th- Developing a Cancer Survivorship Program
The Westin Buckhead,
Atlanta, GA

April 29th- 2010 Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium
Bethesda, MD

May 15th- 3rd Annual Jean Sindab Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Symposium
Intercontinental Hotel,
Atlanta, GA

3rd Annual Jean Sindab Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Symposium May 15th

The 3rd Annual Jean Sindab Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Symposium will be held on May 15th at the Intercontinental Buckhead Hotel. Ruth M. O'Regan, MD is the symposium Chair.

For more information please visit:
<https://winshipcancer.emory.edu/WinshipContentPage.aspx?nd=821>.

Health Disparities in Cancer Care Symposium to be Held in Savannah June 11th

SAVE THE DATE

The Health Disparities in Cancer Care: Reducing the Unequal Burden symposium will be held at the Armstrong Center in Savannah, Georgia on Friday, June 11, 2010. Steven T. Brower, MD, FACS and Howard A. Zaren, MD, FACS are the program chairmen.

For more information visit:
<http://www.georgiacore.org/articleDetail.aspx?articleID=143>

Meetings and Events

April 24th

First Annual Cancer Genetics Seminar at the Dekalb Medical Cancer Center
Tower Auditorium, Women's and Surgery Center (Dr. Bobbie Bailey Tower),
Decatur, GA, call 404.501.7063 to register.

April 28th

Developing a Cancer Survivorship Program
The Westin Buckhead, Atlanta, GA
www.varian.com

April 29th

2010 Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium
Co-Sponsored by NCI and ASCO
Bethesda, MD

May 15th

3rd Annual Jean Sindab Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Symposium
Intercontinental Hotel, Atlanta, GA
www.winshipcancer.emory.edu

June 11th

Health Disparities in Cancer Care: Reducing the Unequal Burden
Armstrong Center, Savannah, GA
Call 912.350.8168 for more information

Paris and O'Regan Presentation at NCI and ASCO's 2010 Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium

Nancy Paris, President of Georgia CORE, will present an abstract, co-authored by Ruth O'Regan, MD, entitled "Creation of a Statewide Network to Expand Clinical Trials Access and Accrual" at the 2010 Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium, co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The symposium is being held April 29-30, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland.

For more information about the symposium, please visit:
<http://www.cancermeetings.org/TrialAccrualSymposium>

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