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CORE Physicians Honored as Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholars



Thomas E. Seay, MD, PhD and Frederick M. Schnell, MD, FACP were recently honored as one of 19 Distinguished Cancer Scholars named by the Georgia Cancer Coalition for its 2009-10 Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and Scientist program.

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.

Georgia is First State to Achieve GOG Full Member Status

Active members of the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium: Mercer/Memorial 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.

Georgia CORE Develops New Partnership with GASCO

The Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (Georgia CORE) and Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology (GASCO) have developed a new partnership that will:

- Expand educational opportunities for clinical research professionals and Principal Investigators
- Provide e-tools for Georgia's clinical research community
- Enhance disease specific cancer care working groups and
- Measure quality cancer care indicators.

The new partnership will strengthen Georgia CORE and GASCO's outreach capacity throughout the state, while streamlining resources and efforts. To learn more about GASCO's efforts, please visit www.GASCO.us.

Georgia CORE Announces New Website Design and Functionality

Georgia CORE is pleased to announce that the website (www.GeorgiaCORE.org) has been redesigned with new functionality to enhance clinical research tools. Complete with a new look and feel, the Georgia CORE website now has the following additions:

- Flash of patient cancer trial testimonials on homepage with link to stories
- Fast facts on clinical cancer research in Georgia
- Clinical Research Professionals' Forum (sound board for clinical research discussions)
- New sponsor recognition links
- New, fresh content throughout the site

Please visit www.GeorgiaCORE.org today to see what's new with Georgia CORE.

Meetings and Events

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To register, visit

http://www.msm.edu/Events/July_17_2009.htm.

November 5-6th- 2009 Georgia Cancer Coalition Georgia Cancer Research Symposium.

The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel Athens, GA. SAVE THE DATE.

You are invited to submit a 250 word abstract, by September 1st, for presentation during the Symposium. For Oral Presentation, indicate category: Basic Science; Clinical/Translational; Epidemiology/ Public Health; Commercialization/ Technology Transfer

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New Georgia Cancer Trials Used by Clinical Research Professionals Statewide

Georgia Cancer Trials, Georgia's only statewide cancer clinical trials database has new functionality that allows research sites across the state to update their own studies on the website. The site has been tested and feedback confirms that the site is user friendly and gives clinical research professionals across the state more control over the information seen on Georgia Cancer Trials. The Georgia Cancer Trials site is offered by Georgia CORE through a partnership with the Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups. Currently, the admin tool is being used at sites in Atlanta, Albany, Athens, Columbus, Dublin, Gainesville, Macon, Marietta, Savannah, Thomasville, Tucker and Valdosta. Training sessions to assist with understanding the functionality of the site was provided in July 2009.

Please visit www.GeorgiaCancerTrials.org (and click research associate log-in) today to register/ update the clinical trials, physician profiles and/or contact information for your site.

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