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"I just wanted to let you know how much I love your website. You all have done an incredible job, and I wanted to say thanks! What an incredible service and resource for our state and all of our cancer patients."

*Kevin C. Ward, PhD, MPH
Assistant Research Professor
Director, Georgia Center for Cancer Statistics
Emory University Rollins School of Public Health*

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On Feb. 28, Georgia CORE held the inaugural meeting of the **Survivorship Center Advisory Board**. Made up of survivors and advocates - some of whom are also in the oncology industry, this board will advise on the strategic direction in the development of a new interactive center, which will be dedicated to survivors, caregivers and healthcare professionals. With plans to launch the center this summer, it will be housed on www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org.

DeKalb Medical: where genetics meets clinical trial research

The Hereditary Risk Assessment Program at DeKalb Medical was launched in 1999, making it one of the longest standing programs of all community hospitals in Georgia. Under the direction of medical oncologist and Georgia CORE Board member Jayanthi Srinivasiah, MD (a.k.a. Dr. Jay) the program provides cancer risk assessment to the greater DeKalb County community.



"My two greatest passions are genetics and clinical trial research, so I'm personally thrilled that we have been successful in teaming the two, giving patients more opportunities to participate in research that may help explain the history of cancer in their families," said Dr. Jay. [Read more](#)

John B. Amos Cancer Center launches high-risk lung cancer screenings

The John B. Amos Cancer Center at Columbus Regional Health in Columbus, Ga. has recently launched an initiative to screen people at high risk of developing lung cancer. The target screenings are for people aged 55-74 who have smoked at least a pack of cigarettes per day for 30 years or more and are currently smoking or stopped less than 15 years ago. [Read more](#)



Atlanta Legal Aid tackles breast cancer patients' legal battles

Breast cancer patients and survivors in metro Atlanta who don't have the means to fight legal battles involving medical benefits, insurance discrimination and other issues have somewhere to turn. The Cancer Legal Initiative of Atlanta Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to eligible low-income breast cancer patients and survivors in Cobb,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Culinary Pharmacy at
Piedmont Wellness
Atlanta

March 13 and 27, 1:00 PM

10th Annual Prostate Cancer
Symposium
Atlanta

March 17, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Symposium on Endometriosis
Atlanta

March 27, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please visit the [Georgia CORE events](#)
listing for more information.

Georgia CORE is an independent nonprofit that generates collaborative resources for cancer prevention, care, research and education. Funded by government and foundation grants, research contracts, sponsorships and private contributions, Georgia CORE fosters collaboration toward better cancer care and faster answers. Its flagship initiative is [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](#), the first statewide online cancer information center.

Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties.

"Those that have limited resources and systems of support need an advocate to deal with the legal aspects of the medical, economic and personal issues that arise when facing cancer," said Lisa K. Liang of the Cancer Legal Initiative and Atlanta Legal Aid's Health Law Unit. [Read more](#)

CORE Bits

On Feb. 21, the **Georgia Breast Cancer Genomic Health Consortium** hosted more than 100 healthcare providers for the state's [first educational event on cancer genomics](#). To continue the dialogue, the Consortium will offer a webinar on March 31 featuring Mark H. Ebell, MD, MS; Associate Professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Georgia and U.S. Preventive Services Task Force member.

Georgia CORE received a grant from **It's the Journey** in collaboration with the **Center for Black Women's Wellness** to provide genetic counseling and testing to their clients. Stay tuned for more information!

Georgia CORE President **Nancy Paris** and Vice President **Angie Patterson**, both University of Georgia grads, were featured in the university's alumni magazine, [Georgia Magazine](#) for their work.

March 3, 2014 has been deemed **Georgia CORE Day** by the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia CORE representatives were on hand that day to receive the resolution and be recognized in the House Chambers.

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