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January 20, 2012
Georgia's
Integrative
Oncology
Conference
Atlanta, GA

January 26, 2012
Georgia CORE-GOG
Consortium
San Diego, CA

March 9–10, 2012
4th Annual
Winship Oncology
Nursing
Symposium
Stone Mountain, GA

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FAST FACTS

Currently, Georgia has 459 cancer clinical trials, a 41% increase in the number of trials over the past two years.

52% of clinical trials in Georgia are in the four leading cancer types: breast, colorectal, lung, and prostate.

Georgia Receives \$900,000 Grant to Address the Needs of Women at High Risk for Developing Breast Cancer

The Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH) will partner with Georgia CORE to implement the Georgia Breast Cancer Genomics Education, Surveillance, and Policy Program. Georgia is one of three states to receive this three year, \$900,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **The Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Georgia State University** will provide expertise to enhance the breast cancer genomics program. Kimberly Redding, MD, MPH of the GDPH is principal investigator, while Nancy M. Paris, MS, FACHE of Georgia CORE is the project director. Sheryl Gabram-Mendola, MD, MBA, FACS and Roland Matthews, MD are co-principal investigators.

Georgia CORE Welcomes Sponsors for New Website GeorgiaCancerInfo.org

Georgia CORE welcomes **Emory University School of Medicine Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Aflac, Morehouse School of Medicine, Northside Hospital, and Genentech**, who join Georgia Cancer Coalition, an Initiative of the Georgia Research Alliance, and GASCO, as sponsors of GeorgiaCancerInfo.org. GeorgiaCancerInfo.org represents a major collaboration of Georgia oncologists and health care providers. The innovative website gives patients, caregivers, and health professionals a first-ever comprehensive source of information about cancer care in Georgia. GeorgiaCancerInfo.org is a content distribution partner of the National Cancer Institute. Profiles of oncologists and cancer centers contained in the website are being reviewed and approved, and the website will be released later in the month.

Georgia CORE's Gynecologic Oncology Group Consortium Finishes a Successful Year and Looks Forward to 2012

Principal Investigator Sharad A. Ghamande, MD of Georgia Health Sciences University and co-Principal Investigator James J. Burke, MD of Memorial Health University Medical Center are pleased to announce that the Georgia CORE Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) Consortium exceeded the 150 required membership points by over 40% with a total of 211 membership points in 2011. The Georgia CORE GOG Consortium continues to provide a unique opportunity for gynecologic oncology clinicians and researchers throughout Georgia to collaborate and develop a high-quality, statewide membership within a national Cooperative Group. The Georgia CORE GOG Consortium has five active sites in Georgia, including **Georgia Health Sciences University, The John B. Amos Cancer Center, The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Memorial Health University Medical Center, and Northside Hospital**. Thanks to our committed clinicians and researchers, the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium is looking forward to continued success in 2012.

New Clinical Trial Offers Treatment for Pancreatic Cancer Patients throughout the State of Georgia

Andrew W. Pippas, MD, the Medical Director of the John B. Amos Cancer Center, is Principal Investigator for a current clinical trial that treats pancreatic cancer in the state of Georgia. This Georgia CORE clinical trial, sponsored by Peregrine, is for previously untreated stage-4 pancreatic cancer patients in Georgia. The trial tests whether adding a new drug, bavituximab, to the standard treatment of pancreatic cancer improves both the quality and length of life. In addition to the **John B. Amos Cancer Center** in Columbus, the trial is also available at **DeKalb Medical Center** in Decatur, the **Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion at Saint Joseph's/Candler** in Savannah, **Northeast Georgia Medical Center** in Gainesville, and **Suburban Hematology Oncology Associates** in Lawrenceville.