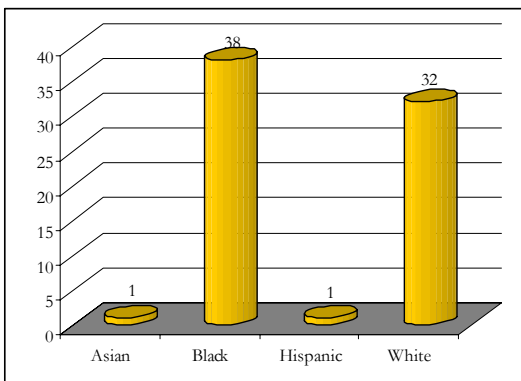


NEW CORE Releases Minority Enrollment Data for Breast Cancer Investigator-Initiated Trials

Data collected on accrual to two Georgia CORE sponsored Breast Cancer Trials revealed that the cumulative enrollment of minority patients was 55.5% (see Figure 1 below). 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).

Figure 1. Number of Patients Enrolled in Georgia CORE Breast Cancer Investigator-Initiated Studies (EU 822-03 and 0495-2006)



NOW 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.

For more information about the Georgia CORE Research network, please contact Nancy Paris at nparis@georgiacore.org.

Analysis Underway for First Georgia CORE Research Network Trial

Ruth M. O'Regan, MD, Principal Investigator of the first investigator initiated trial opened by Georgia CORE announced that the study is closed having enrolled 51 patients. Active sites included Amos Cancer Center; Augusta Oncology; Central Georgia Cancer Care; Dekalb Medical/Georgia Cancer Specialists; Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady; Wellstar Health System/Northwest Georgia Oncology. These sites are to be commended for their leadership and collaboration. Results of the study are being analyzed; Dr. O'Regan will present results to Georgia CORE investigators.

Event Calendar

April 17th- Atlanta Lung Cancer Symposium
The Four Seasons Hotel
www.atlantlung.net

April 28th- Developing a Cancer Survivorship Program
The Westin Buckhead
www.varian.com

May 15-19th -11th International Workshop on Radiation Damage to DNA
Grand Hyatt Atlanta

Events or news to share?
Contact Shaunta Wright at swright@georgiacore.org.

CORE Research Network Accrues Patients to 22 Studies in 2009

Georgia CORE is pleased to announce that its Research Network and GOG Consortium accrued patients to 22 studies in 2009. Patients were accrued to 19 Gynecologic Oncology Group Cooperative Group Trials, 2 Breast Cancer Investigator-Initiated Trials and 1 Lung Cancer Industry Sponsored Trial.

Thank you to the fourteen active research sites, which include community practices, cancer centers and academic institutions.

NEXT Expansion of Georgia CORE GOG Consortium

The GOG Consortium achieved its membership goals and is a full member of the cooperative group. 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.

For more information about the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium, please contact Georgia CORE at info@georgiacore.org.

Paris to Present Abstract on Statewide Clinical Trials Network Development 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.

Late Breaking News

Standard Operating Procedures Available

SOPs for the Network are available electronically to all research sites. SOP categories include Study Start-Up, Study Management, Data Management, Privacy Issues and Quality Assurance. To obtain copies please contact Shaunta Wright at swright@georgiacore.org.

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