

NEW

Profile of Clinical Trials in Georgia

- 316 Adult Trials
- 92 Pediatric Trials
- 75% Phase II + III Trials
- 80% Study New Cancer Treatments
- 40% of Trials Conducted Outside Atlanta; 46% of the Population Resides outside Atlanta
- 50% in 4 Leading Cancer Types (Breast, Colorectal, Lung, Prostate) Accounting for 53% of Cancer Deaths

NOW

University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine Pilot Study Continuing through May 15

A multi-disciplinary group of medical and radiation oncologists, urologists, nurse navigators and primary care doctors are participating in a web-based study – ***all participants are asked to complete the study by May 15th.*** The study will assess the effects of continuing education on integrative medicine approaches to prostate cancer. **Dr. Matthew Mumber**, Harbin Clinic, and **Dr. Omer Kucuk**, Winship Cancer Institute, serve as co-Principal Investigators and will collaborate on the data analysis with leaders at the University of Arizona.

Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology Receives ASCO Grant

GASCO received a grant from ASCO for the creation of e Working Groups/Tumor Boards. The groups will build on the efforts of GASCO and Georgia CORE to enhance collaboration between academic and community oncologists using technology to facilitate education and consultation. Expected to begin this fall, the Groups will highlight clinical trials and complex cancer cases.

Event Calendar:

Save the Date!

GASCO's Best of ASCO Meeting
August 26-27, 2011
Intercontinental Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia leaders provide input for GeorgiaCancerCare.org

Leaders of **Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia** reviewed plans for the new Georgia CancerCare.org website, provided information on cancer resources and proposed a tagline for the site: **Reliable. Resources. Realtime.** Development of Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia is supported by GASCO and the Georgia Cancer Coalition; co-chairs are **Deborah Kemp**, St. Joseph's Candler and **Gail McCray**, Morehouse School of Medicine.

Meetings and Presentations

Winship Cancer Institute's Jean Sindab Triple-Negative Symposium will take place on Friday, May 13, 2011 from 8 – 4 p.m. at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel. For registration, see www.winshipcancer.edu/triplenegative.

The **John B. Amos Cancer Center** hosted statewide cancer leaders for the Daniel P. Amos Lecture Series at Columbus State University. Aimery de Gramont, MD, PhD, Professor of Oncology, Hopital Saint-Antoine, Paris, France presented "New Medical Strategies for the Treatment of Colon Cancer."

Expanding Statewide Access and Accrual to Cancer Clinical Trials was presented by Amy Moore, PhD at the **CDC's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program** meeting in Atlanta.

NEXT

GeorgiaCancerCare.org

This summer Georgia CORE will introduce GeorgiaCancerCare.org a unique, comprehensive source of information on Georgia-based cancer care. *Watch for it!* You'll find oncologists, cancer centers, research programs, clinical trials and resources in your community.



Learn about cancer
Find doctors
Locate clinical trials and cancer centers
Explore cancer resources

Awards, Appointments

Dr. Bill Woods, Pediatric Oncologist with Aflac Cancer Centers and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta received the 2011 Distinguished Career Award of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO).

Dr. Sharad A. Ghamande, Gynecologic Oncologist at the Georgia Health Sciences University (formerly the Medical College of Georgia) in Augusta was named Principal Investigator of the Georgia CORE Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) Consortium and **Dr. James J. Burke II**, Gynecologic Oncologist at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, was named co-Principal Investigator of the GOG Consortium. Dr. Ghamande replaces Dr. Donald Gallup, the GOG Consortium's first Principal Investigator, who died in January.

Dr. Melissa S. Dillmon, Harbin Clinic, and **Dr. Suresh S. Ramalingam**, Winship Cancer Institute, are completing their year long participation in ASCO's Leadership Development Program that prepares early career oncologists for leadership positions; there are twelve participants in 2011.

Dr. Matthew P. Mumber, Radiation Oncologist with the Harbin Clinic, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Oncology Practice published by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

Dr. E. Shyam P. Reddy, Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine and Co-Director of the Cancer Biology Program, at the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health System has received the Bharat Gaurav Pride of India Award at a celebration in New Delhi. The award honors individuals of Indian origin for outstanding leadership in education, science and medical services.

Dr. Ronald Steis, Medical Oncologist with Atlanta Cancer Care, was recognized as the Medical Honoree at the American Cancer Society's Evening of Hope. Steis was selected for the work he does with cancer patients in the Atlanta community where he serves as the head of North Fulton Hospital's Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Committee.