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2017 Overview and Impact

Georgia CORE is a public private partnership created to provide higher quality, better organized, more cost effective, patient-centered cancer care to Georgians. The organization's vision is to contribute to the state's distinction as a national leader in cancer while improving quality of care for patients and quality of life for survivors. The Board of Directors is composed of cancer experts from academic institutions, hospitals and cancer centers responsible for the strategic plan that expands statewide access to new treatments, promising discoveries, best practices and innovations. A Survivorship Advisory Board provides guidance regarding the needs and perspectives of patients and survivors. Funding for Georgia CORE comes from diverse sources including an annual appropriation from the State of Georgia, government and foundation grants, research contracts and individual donations. Georgia CORE has participated in grants with the National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, numerous state and private foundations. Personnel services are provided by Georgia State University.

Georgia CORE promotes collaboration and traverses boundaries to accomplish collectively what cancer centers, oncologists, researchers and healthcare leaders would not be able to achieve independently.

- Georgia CORE's research network partners conduct over 80% of the state's clinical cancer research. Georgia has experienced an eleven-fold increase in the number of clinical trials (from 82 to 909) since the creation of Georgia CORE's research network and its statewide promotion of clinical trials.
- Georgia CORE is a leader in the development of two NCI supported community research initiatives – the Georgia Gynecologic Oncology Group Consortium and the Georgia NCI Community Oncology Research Program (GA NCORP). Both have received national recognition for high accruals; GA NCORP is one of the top four national accruals to NCI precision medicine trials.
- In partnership with the Georgia Department of Public Health; Emory, Georgia State and Morehouse Universities, Georgia CORE developed the website BreastCancerGeneScreen.org, recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force, which has 48,000 users in 50 states and 106 countries. The B-RST™ located on the website has assisted 18,621 women in public health centers -- 51% of whom are racial and ethnic minorities -- in assessing their risk of Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer. Georgia CORE provides recommended genetic services and testing for women in public health centers via contract with the Georgia Department of Public Health.

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- GeorgiaCancerInfo.org and GeorgiaCancerInfo.org/Survivorship are unique online sources of information developed by Georgia CORE to improve quality of care for patients and quality of life for survivors. 30,000 users annually rely on the websites for searchable, evidence-based information on survivorship, patient and caregiver support, evidence-based guidelines, clinical trials, cancer centers and oncologists. GeorgiaCancerInfo.org has a data sharing agreement with the NCI and is certified by Health-on-the-Net.
- Proceeds from the sale of Georgia's Breast Cancer License Tag are distributed to over two dozen non-profit organizations through a grant process managed by Georgia CORE. Grants in excess of \$3 million have been used to expand breast cancer screening, mammography, treatment, navigation and genetic services for over 7,500 underserved women, 85% of whom are racial and ethnic minorities, in 69% Georgia's 159 counties.
- Publications resulting from research and scholarship of Georgia CORE investigators and staff have appeared in national journals including *Advances in Health Care Management*, *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, *Clinical Breast Cancer*, *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*, *Journal of Community and Supportive Oncology*, *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*, *Journal of Healthcare Leadership*, *Journal of Oncology Practice*, *Modern Healthcare*, *Nursing Administration Quarterly* and *Population Health Management*.

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