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IN MEMORIAM

Thomas E. Seay, MD, PhD
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Annual Lectureship and Award Honoring the Leadership, Scholarship and Service of Thomas E. Seay, MD, PhD

A program was established by the Board of Directors of Georgia CORE to honor Dr. Thomas E. Seay, a leading and greatly admired medical oncologist who was President of Atlanta Cancer Care, a member of the medical staff of Northside Hospital, and a founding member and chairman of the Georgia CORE Board. A committee chaired by Dr. H. A. Zaren with initial members including Dr. Frederick M. Schnell, Ms. Patti Owen and Ms. Nancy Paris was appointed to develop the program and identify potential speakers and award recipients.

The committee envisions an annual lecture delivered by a leading national expert to Georgia oncology professionals and an award that recognizes collaborative leadership within the state of Georgia. The lecture and award are designed to promote improvements in treatment, research, quality and collaboration – each representing an area of great importance to Dr. Seay. The lecture and award will be incorporated into the “Best of ASCO” meeting of the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology to ensure broad exposure. Sponsorships and donations will be secured to sustain the program’s operation. The annual budget for the program is \$20,000. Appropriate sponsor recognition will be given at \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000 levels.

The inaugural program will be held at lunch on Saturday, September 10, 2016 during the GASCO meeting at the Westin Buckhead. Nominations for the leadership award may be directed to a member of the committee. Dr. Douglas B. Evans, the Donald C. Ausman Family Foundation Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin has been selected to present the inaugural lecture. Dr. Evans’ research interests focus on translational laboratory research in the biology of pancreatic cancer and in clinical trial development for patients with localized disease. Dr. Seay shared Dr. Evans’ passion for pancreatic cancer research; they were both friends and colleagues. At the Medical College of Wisconsin Dr. Evans has forged the Program in Pancreatic Cancer Research including a clinical database, a tissue bank, a personalized cancer treatment clinical trial and ongoing laboratory research. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the editorial boards of *Surgery* and the *American Journal of Surgery* and is Editor of the Pancreatic Tumors Section of the *Annals of Surgical Oncology*.