

# CORE NEWS

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## CORE Bits

Updated! The **Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials** have been updated on our website. You can view them [here](#).

Did you know? **United Healthcare's** prior chemotherapy authorization process was updated on June 1. Read more about it [here](#).

Don't forget that September is **Ovarian, Leukemia/ Lymphoma, Thyroid, Prostate and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!** Follow us on Facebook and Twitter or check our website for events happening near you!

Did you know that the FDA approved **Gardasil 9** last winter? It prevents infection with five more cancer-causing subtypes of human papillomavirus (HPV) than the current vaccines, Gardasil and Cervarix. Read more [here](#).

The new **Cancer Research Building at Georgia Regents University** will be named after real estate developer Bert Storey. Read more [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Georgia Palliative Care Coalition Conference](#)

Georgia Cancer Control Consortium Palliative Care Workgroup  
Thursday, September 10  
Macon, Georgia

### [Elekta's Ultimate Ride to Survivorship](#) Elekta

## Coming up! 2015 GASCO Annual Meeting and Best of ASCO® on September 11-12!



Plan to attend **GASCO's Annual Meeting & Best of ASCO®** on September 11-12, 2015 in Atlanta, GA! World class speakers will present on breast, lung, ovarian, gastrointestinal and genitourinary cancers. They come from ASCO, Duke, Indiana University, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Ohio State, Teton Oncology, University of Arizona and the Winship Cancer Institute. This year will also introduce the John B. Amos Lecture Series: "Curing cancer: The role of new drug development" presented by Lawrence Einhorn, MD. There will also be additional sessions for Patient Navigation and Research. CMEs will be available for those that attend. In addition, registration is free for all GASCO and CPNG members. Learn more [here!](#)

## Op-ed Viewpoint: Want to get serious about reducing cancer deaths? Start with raising taxes on tobacco

Highest and Lowest State Excise and Sales Taxes *Per Pack of Cigarettes*

States	Average Retail Price Per Pack (with all taxes)	Cigarette Excise Tax Per Pack	Excise Tax Rank (Highest = 1)	States Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Per Pack	Total State Tax Per Pack	Total Tax Rank (Highest = 1)
<i>States' Average</i>	\$6.24	\$1.60	--	5.2%	\$0.30	\$1.87	--
<i>New York</i>	\$10.29	\$4.35	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00%	\$0.40	\$4.75	1 <sup>st</sup>
<i>Rhode Island</i>	\$8.95	\$3.75	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.0%	\$0.59	\$4.34	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>Massachusetts</i>	\$9.08	\$3.51	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.25%	\$0.53	\$4.04	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<i>Alabama</i>	\$4.90	\$0.425	48 <sup>th</sup>	4.0%	\$0.17	\$0.60	48 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Georgia</i>	\$4.51	\$0.37	49 <sup>th</sup>	5.0%	\$0.20	\$0.57	49 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Virginia</i>	\$5.14	\$0.30	50 <sup>th</sup>	5.3%	\$0.26	\$0.56	50 <sup>th</sup>

The full chart can be viewed at <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0202.pdf>.

Every year, the American Cancer Society does a great public service by charting states' progress toward preventing and reducing the number of deaths from cancer (Aug. 7-13 Business Chronicle). This year's report is another wake-up call for Georgia: Out of 10 key policy

Thursday, September 10  
Atlanta, Georgia

metrics, our state is "doing well" in just one. Read more [here](#).

[2015 GASCO Annual Meeting](#)  
Georgia Society of Clinical  
Oncology  
Friday-Saturday, September  
11-12  
Intercontinental Hotel-  
Buckhead  
Atlanta, Georgia  
*together with the*  
[Patient Navigation](#)  
[Track: Cancer Patient](#)  
[Navigators of Georgia \(CPNG\) --](#)  
[Transforming Access to Quality](#)  
[Cancer Care](#)

Saturday, September 12

[Seventh Annual Blue Ties](#)  
[Luncheon](#)

ProstAware in partnership with  
the Georgia Prostate Cancer  
Coalition  
Friday, September 11  
The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead  
Atlanta, Georgia

[Cancer STOMP 2015](#)  
Cancer Coalition of South  
Georgia  
Saturday, September 12  
[Cordele, Georgia](#)

Saturday, October 3  
[Tifton, Georgia](#)

Saturday, October 24  
[Albany, Georgia](#)

[20th Annual HeLa Women's](#)  
[Health Conference: Precision](#)  
[Medicine & Health Equity](#)  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Friday, September 18  
Atlanta, Georgia

[TEA \(Together Empowering All\)](#)  
[Walk](#)

Community for Pan Asian  
Community Services  
Saturday, October 10  
Atlanta, Georgia

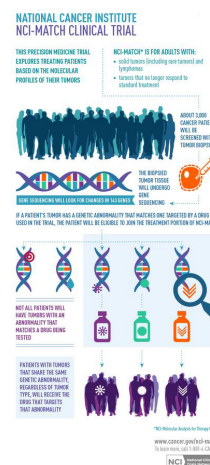
[Oncology Clinical Practice](#)  
[Guidelines: Improving Patient](#)  
[Outcomes Program-Data](#)  
[Review Workshops](#)

Thursday, September 17  
Georgia International  
Convention Center

## NCI-MATCH Precision Medicine Cancer Trial Opens

**NCI-MATCH**, the largest, most scientifically rigorous precision medicine trial in cancer to date, is now opening at cancer centers and community hospitals across the country.

The trial, also known as trial **EAY131**, seeks to determine whether matching certain drugs or drug combinations to people whose tumors have specific gene abnormalities will effectively treat their cancer, regardless of their cancer type. Treatment for this trial focuses on molecular abnormalities of a patient's tumor instead of the organ site of the cancer. Click [here](#) to learn more about it.



## Go Gold this September for Childhood Cancer Awareness

**BE THEIR HERO**  
#GoGold4CURE this September



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
Take action today at [www.GoGold4CURE.com](http://www.GoGold4CURE.com)



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and it's time to **#GoGold4CURE!** With less than 4% of federal cancer research dollars dedicated to cancers which affect children, this September we challenge the community as a whole to help CURE Childhood Cancer raise awareness as well as much-needed research dollars to aid in our children's fight. There are so many ways you can help - from hosting a fundraiser to downloading posters to simply changing your Facebook profile picture. Visit [www.GoGold4CURE.com](http://www.GoGold4CURE.com) to download items and learn more.

## Looking for a Commission on Cancer accredited hospital?

Atlanta, Georgia

[Annual T.E.A.L. Walk in Savannah](#)

Louisa M. McGregor Ovarian Cancer Foundation  
Saturday, September 19  
Lake Mayer Track  
Savannah, Georgia

[5th Annual Howard Young Atlanta Golf Classic](#)

Translational Genomics Research Institute  
Wednesday, September 29  
Alpharetta, Georgia

[6th Annual Navigation and Survivorship Conference](#)

AONN+  
Thursday, October 1  
Atlanta, Georgia

[Winship Cancer Institute: Win the Fight 5K](#)

Saturday, October 3  
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Lung Cancer Symposium 2015](#)

Saturday, October 24  
Loews Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

[Georgia Gives Day](#)

Thursday, November 12  
Online

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**CANCER SURVIVORSHIP CONNECTION**  
An Initiative of Georgia CORE

Here you can view a list of Commission on Cancer accredited hospitals in Georgia to find survivorship clinics and programs near you!

**Georgia CORE** is a public-private partnership designed to bring higher quality, better organized and more cost-effective care to cancer patients and survivors. The organization's Board of Directors is composed of cancer experts from leading cancer centers and academic institutions. CORE's network develops innovative tools and resources for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare providers and researchers. Our collective vision is to contribute to the state's distinction as a national leader in cancer care and research and to better health for all Georgians. CORE's flagship resource, [www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](http://www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org) is the only statewide online information center of its kind, where details can be found on oncologists, clinical trials and treatments centers throughout the state.

**Got News?**

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