



Winter 2015

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**Content you can use for your patients and survivors today.
Collaborative efforts in fighting cancer across Georgia.
Upcoming educational programs and new national guidelines.**

Please let us hear about your practice innovations. We would love to *shine the spotlight* on you in our next communication!

Registered Yet? NRG Oncology January 2016 Meeting

**January 21, 2016
Atlanta, Georgia
Atlanta Marriott Marquis**



The winter 2016 GOG Foundation, Inc. Educational Symposium is titled "Immunotherapy for Cancer, Current Status and Future Prospects," with noted Oncologists and Scientists serving as speakers and moderators. Speakers will focus their presentations on how cancer escapes the immune system. Presentations will also be focused on current and future strategies developing immunotherapies that address such mechanisms for good clinical outcomes. Please pre-register online for this meeting by December 20, 2015. Register or read more [here](#).

Coming Up! GASCO's 2015 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium Review



**January 9, 2016
Atlanta Marriott
Buckhead Hotel**

Don't forget that the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology (GASCO) is hosting a review of the 2015 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in early January. Register today [here](#)!

Engendering Reproductive Health Within Oncologic Survivorship (EROS) Trial has Georgia roots!

E1Q11 is designed to examine an intervention of a reproductive health assessment and algorithm to improve the adoption of appropriate reproductive health management.

Co-Chaired by **Howard Zaren, MD, FACS**, 21 sites have been approved for site registration. **Georgia Regents University Medical Center** (GRU) in Augusta is one of the participating sites with **Sharad Ghamande, MD**, acting as the Principal Investigator. Read more [here](#).

Emory Fights Early-Stage Breast Cancer with New One-Time Radiation Treatment

A new tool in the fight against breast cancer.

A team of community and faculty doctors at **Emory University Hospital Midtown** is now treating patients with Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (IORT) during breast-conserving surgeries. Read more [here](#).



Atlanta Area Allergist Develops Cutting Edge Cancer Treatment Program at DeKalb Medical

Did you know that **DeKalb Medical** is working to **manage hypersensitivity to chemotherapy**?

Beginning in 2010, **DeKalb Medical's Cancer Center** began an innovative program to

**Cancer Survivorship Symposium:
Advancing Care and Research**
A Primary Care and Oncology Collaboration

JANUARY 15-16, 2016
SAN FRANCISCO MARINOTTI PARKSIDE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
#SURVIVORSHIP

Congratulations to Vice President Angie Patterson!

She will present at the ASCO Cancer Survivorship Symposium

January 15-16, 2016

ASCO

San Francisco, California

In January, Georgia CORE's Vice President Angie Patterson, will present "Provider-Survivor Communication: Identifying and Addressing Unmet Needs" at the Cancer Survivorship Symposium. This study is based on a statewide Georgia cancer survivors needs assessment survey. The conference is hosted by the **American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)** and is a collaboration among the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Physicians, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology to provide information about survivorship issues that both primary care physicians and oncologists are faced with throughout the cancer care continuum. Co-authors include **Cam Escoffery, James Hotz, Nancy M. Paris, Donna L. Meyer, Joan M. Giblin, Katherine S. Michaud, Logan J Kirsch, Barbara J. Wilson, Jennifer Fournier, Carolyn Helmer, Catherine Comer, Joan Kines, Mary Ann Heddon, Tobyanne Sidman, Tamira M. Moon and Rachel Cannady**. To learn more about this event or to register, click [here](#).



**How are you
represented?**

Over 3,000 patients, providers and caregivers search for doctors, trials and treatments each month.

When, they search on www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org, they find:

- * 1012 Profiles of your Colleagues
- * 794 Trials trying to cure cancer in Georgia
- * 279 Sites treating cancer in Georgia

Intrigued? Then, make sure your information is correct so patients and other clinicians can find you and your trials. [Click here to update your information.](#)

manage hypersensitivity to chemotherapy. Until recently, allergic reactions have prevented some cancer patients from getting the best treatment available—forcing them to switch to a less effective cancer medication. **George Gottlieb, M.D.**, is trying to change that. Read more [here](#).

Georgia receives Outstanding Site Participation Recognition from NRG Oncology

GA sites are toping the national rankings!

Top Accruing NCORP to NRG Oncology:
#2 Georgia NCORP



Top Accruing Affiliate/Sub-affiliate sites:
#1 Northside Hospital (Accruals = 59)
#5 Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion (Accruals = 31)
#8 Georgia Regents University (Accruals = 22)

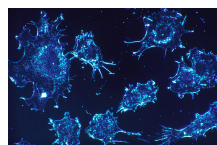
Top Accruing Academic Participating Sites:
#9 Winship Cancer Center (Accruals = 60)

GA NCORP is also **#3** in top accruals to **LUNG-MAP (SWOG)** (as of October 26, 2015) and **#2** in top accruals to **ALCHEMIST (ALLIANCE)** (as of October 26, 2015).

Recognizing and Managing Immune- Specific Adverse Events

Clinical Optimization

The world of oncology has been abuzz with the rapid advent of **immuno-oncologic (I-O) agents** either recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or in the development pipeline. While immuno-modulating agents such as interleukin-2 (IL-2) and interferon (IFN) have been used in the



treatment of some solid malignancies for years, their use has generally been limited to cancers considered immunogenic. Read more [here](#).

Georgia State Scientist Gets \$1.675 Million to Study Link between Cancer and DNA Replication, Repair

Ivaylo Ivanov, Associate Professor of Chemistry has received a five year, \$1.675 million federal grant.

The project will study how problems with **DNA replication and repair** may lead to cancer susceptibility and inheritable genetic diseases. Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to all of our partners

Have you seen the new Breast Cancer Survivorship Guidelines? If not, click [here](#).

who were recognized in Newsweek!

"Special Health Issue: Curing Cancer"

Several Georgia physicians in Gynecologic Oncology, Hematology, Medical Oncology, Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatric Endocrinology, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiation Oncology and Urology were featured as some of the top cancer doctors in America for 2015 in a recent Newsweek special edition entitled, "Special Health Issue: Curing Cancer." They work at several hospitals around the state, including **Charlie Norwood VA, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, DeKalb Medical, Doctors Hospital, Emory University, Georgia Regents, Grady Memorial Hospital, Northside Hospital, and Wellstar**. We are pleased to partner with such excellent institutions and wish you an enthusiastic Congratulations!

To see the full list, please click [here](#).

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