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## DPH Commissioner Fitzgerald Receives Sellers-McCroan Award



Department of Public Health Commissioner **Brenda Fitzgerald, MD**, recently received the 2015 Sellers-McCroan Award, which honors a public health professional in Georgia whose work has had significant impact on epidemiology or laboratory services at the state, district, or county levels, in academia or in

hospitals. The award is presented annually by the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA). Read [more](#).

## Deputy Director Crane Awarded the Barfield Nursing Section Award

**Barbara Crane, MN, APRN**, was awarded the Barfield Nursing Section Award at the 86th Annual GPHA Meeting and Joint Conference with the Southern Health Association.



She is the Deputy Director for Prevention, Screening and Treatment in the Chronic Disease Section of the **Georgia Department of Public Health**. This award recognized her work in breast cancer genomics--especially in her work to support the CDC cooperative agreement, "Enhancing Breast Cancer Genomics through Education, Surveillance and Policy." Ms. Crane worked closely with partners at Emory, Georgia CORE and DPH to author a paper that describes results from the implementation of new screening approaches for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer--which have become a model for care across the country. Read [more](#).

## ACTS grants awarded to three more organizations

In partnership with the Department of Community Health/State Office of Rural Health, Georgia CORE recently awarded the Georgia Access to Care,

Treatment and Services (ACTS) Breast Cancer Grant Program grant to three more organizations: the **Cancer Coalition of South Georgia** in Albany; **Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership** of Dalton; and the **Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center** in Albany.

Each awardee received a grant of \$50,000 designed to reduce breast cancer disparities by increasing breast cancer screening and education among low-income, uninsured women. This round totaled \$150,000 in funds awarded and collected through the sale and renewal of the state's Breast Cancer Awareness license tags. A new funding period will begin in July 2015 with additional funds available for grants.

"We are so pleased that two of the awards will be providing screening and education in Terrell County, one of the counties in Georgia that has a higher incidence rate of late stage breast cancer," said Georgia CORE Vice President Angie Patterson. "It is so important to educate women about early detection of breast cancer." Please visit [GeorgiaCancerInfo.org](http://GeorgiaCancerInfo.org) for more information.



## Georgia Trend recognizes Georgia Non-profits who fight cancer

In the April edition of Georgia Trend, they profiled multiple organizations that combat cancer in Georgia, including **The Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia, The Georgia Center for Nonprofits, Jay's Hope, Cancer Navigators** and **Georgia CORE**. "A Helping Hand" spoke about the efforts these organizations make in aiding patients dealing with the emotional, practical and financial costs of dealing with cancer and of promoting research and clinical trials within the state.

Interested in cancer survivorship issues? You can learn more about them from cancer survivors, caregivers and healthcare professionals in Georgia at the Cancer Survivorship Connection Blog.

<http://www.georgiacancerinfo.org/survivorship/blog>.



## CORE Bits

The **American Cancer Society** has announced that Gary M. Reedy will be their next chief executive officer. He will replace John Seffrin, PhD, who has been CEO since 1992. To learn more about this transition, please go [here](#).

Our partner, **GASCO (Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology)**, has a new website. They are a professional society of concerned healthcare professionals involved in clinical oncology. You can view it at: [www.gasco.us](http://www.gasco.us).

The **GRU (Georgia Regents University) Cancer Center** recently announced c-CARE (cancer-Community Awareness Access Research and Education), an initiative seeking to improve cancer awareness, education, detection and access to care. A 3-year Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation grant of \$1.74M will allow them to address lung cancer among the neediest communities in Central Savannah River Area by focusing on prevention, early detection, education and helping people with suspected or diagnosed lung cancer access and navigate cancer care and community-based supportive services in the region. Read more [here](#).

Georgia CORE was a local sponsor for Ken Burns' 3-part documentary, "Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies" on GPB. A key group of clinician volunteers, including members of the **Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, the American Cancer Society, the Metro Atlanta Oncology Nursing Society** and **Georgia CORE**, manned the phone banks on the first evening to answer the public's questions about cancer. It will be re-shown on May 4, 11 and 18th at 11 pm ET. You can also now watch it online or get more information about it at [www.cancerfilms.org](http://www.cancerfilms.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Georgia Prostate Cancer/Breast Cancer Golf/Tennis Fundraiser will be held May 4 at Country Club of Roswell. For more information call Frank Catroneo (770) 619-0710 or go [here](#).

For example, "Cancer Navigators," created by the Harbin Clinic, Floyd Medical Center and Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome excels in connecting patients with navigators to aid them in traversing the cumbersome health system. The Georgia Center for the Nonprofits will host its 3rd "Flashmob of Giving" on November 12 to help raise funds to support patients living with cancer. In addition, Georgia CORE has shown that after a decade of work, the increase in research and clinical trials in Georgia has proved effective by declining mortality rates. Read more [here](#).

## Georgia CORE is pleased to welcome three new team members!

March began a new chapter for Georgia Core by welcoming three new team members-Elizabeth Fullerton, Aprille Griffin and Rabia Khalid.



Elizabeth Fullerton, MPH, is the new Communications Specialist and is looking forward to enhancing collaboration among our community partners while increasing development opportunities for Georgia CORE. Contact Elizabeth if you have news to share through newsletters, websites, press releases or other outreach. [efullerton@georgiacore.org](mailto:efullerton@georgiacore.org)

Aprille Griffin, MPH, is the new Study Monitor for GA NCORP. Her primary role is to ensure that compliant and ethical research is conducted within the GA NCORP research network. [aqriffin@georgiacore.org](mailto:aqriffin@georgiacore.org)



Rabia Khalid, MPH, CHES, is the new Program Coordinator for GA NCORP and is responsible for organizational administrative activities to ensure the effectiveness of the GA NCORP research network. [rkhalid@georgiacore.org](mailto:rkhalid@georgiacore.org)

You can learn more about each of them on our ["Staff and Consultants"](#) page.

**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.

National Nurses Week: May 6-12. Georgia CORE wants to celebrate all of the nurses who work to make lives better in Georgia and across the nation!

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