Cancer Clinical Trials: Tools, Trends, and Training

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For today’s cancer care, tomorrow’s cancer cure.
It’s a fact that clinical research contributes to the quality of cancer care.

Patients appreciate this connection.

It’s what distinguishes leading cancer centers.
The Vision:

In 5 years, Georgia will be a national leader in cancer care and research.
The Strategy:
To expand the number and reach of clinical trials so Georgians have better care and Georgia contributes to finding a cure.
Goals Included in the State Cancer Plan:

- Increase clinical trials enrollment
- Increase data collection and analysis
- Increase stakeholders’ knowledge
  - Increase cancer research
We are brokers, negotiators, and promoters.

We work daily to build infrastructure, resources, and networks.
We connect physicians, universities, health systems, and industry---all to expand clinical research.
The Result:

Georgians won’t leave the state for “better care” or forego clinical trials because they are too far away.
Investigator-Initiated Trials

Community Oncologists

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Emory

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Industry
EU822-03 Randomized Phase II Trial of Sequential Docetaxel Followed by Capecitabine versus Concomitant Docetaxel/Capecitabine as Induction Therapy for Early Stage Breast Cancer

Sanofi- Aventis  Contract  Georgia CORE  Contract  Emory University  Principal Investigator

Supporting Organization  Sponsor

Admin

Fiscal Management

Regulatory

Data Management

Monitoring

Study Oversight

Biostatistics

Laboratory

Implementation guidelines

Protocol design

Study Sites

Winship Cancer Institute

Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health System

Emory Crawford Long Hospital

Augusta Oncology Associates

Central Georgia Cancer Care, P.C.

Charles B. Eberhart Cancer Center at DeKalb Medical Center

John B. Amos Cancer Center

South Atlanta Hematology Oncology

Suburban Hematology Oncology

Wellstar Health System

for Georgia Cancer Specialists

and NW Georgia Oncology Centers, P.C.

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Cooperative Group Membership

The only statewide consortium to become a Gynecologic Oncology Group Provisional Member
Georgia CORE
Gynecologic Oncology Group Consortium

Gynecologic Oncology Group Cooperative Group

Georgia CORE Consortium Coordinator Administration Fiscal Management

Memorial Health University Medical Center Principal Investigator

DeKalb Medical Center (Decatur)

Medical College of Georgia (Macon)

Medical Center of Central Georgia (Macon)

Southeast Gynecologic Oncology, LLC (Atlanta)

Active

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David Mcintosh

Memorial Health University Medical Center (Savannah)

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Donald Gallup
Snehal Bhoola

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Georgia Cancer Trials Database

Partnership with Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups

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Trialcheck™

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www.clinicaltrials.gov

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Georgia CORE

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www.GeorgiaCancerTrials.org
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- 318 adult trials
- 84% in community practices
- 40% in 4 major cancers: lung, breast, colorectal and prostate
  - Trials offered in 46 sites
  - 54% increase in trials
  - 350% increase in searches
Cancer Clinical Trial Listing in Georgia by County
Lung Cancer Working Group

- Multidisciplinary working group
- Disease and trials analysis
- Protocol development
Georgia CORE Roster

• Directory of Georgia oncologists and clinical investigators

• Unique, single source of information about providers of care
  • Compilation of individual profiles

• Georgia data on cancer and clinical Trials