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### Upcoming Events

Debates and Didactics  
in Hematology and  
Oncology  
Sea Island, Ga.  
July 24, 2013

Head and Neck Cancers  
Symposium  
Atlanta Marriott  
Buckhead Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Sept. 7, 2013

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### Genomics gaining attention nationally and gaining traction in Georgia

Recent headlines have given much-needed attention to genetics, genetic testing and cancer genomics. Given Angelina Jolie's celebrity status, cancer care practitioners all over the world are praising her for going public about her decision to have a double mastectomy, putting the spotlight on genetics and the role it can play in reducing the risk of cancer. Additionally, the Supreme Court ruled on June 13 that companies cannot patent naturally occurring genes. According to a statement issued by [Ovarian Cancer National Alliance](#), the ruling will give women more options to learn about genetic risk.

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### Breast Cancer License Tag grant awardees meet

On May 23, Georgia CORE convened the 2012-2013 awardees of the Georgia Access to Care and Treatment Services grant (ACTS) for a luncheon to recognize their accomplishments to date. At half way through the grant cycle, the luncheon also provided the opportunity for the representatives of the organizations to collaborate, share best practices and discuss how they have overcome significant barriers in their work.

In 2012, Georgia CORE and the **State Office of Rural Health** awarded nearly \$1.2 million dollars from ACTS to 16 organizations that provide breast cancer services. Funded by the sale and renewal of the Breast Cancer License Tags, the purpose of ACTS is to expand breast cancer education, screening, access and outreach, as well as treatment services to Georgians who do not have health insurance. The 2012-2013 ACTS awardees are:

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### Georgia CORE intern returns to enhance community partnerships

After a brief hiatus, recent Emory graduate and former intern Logan Kirsch returned to the Georgia CORE team as Development and Community Relations Specialist. His primary role is to enhance collaboration among community partners while increasing development opportunities for the organization.

Educational Calendar at [www.georgiacore.org](http://www.georgiacore.org) for additional information on these and more events.

**Got News?** We'd love to share it! Send events, announcements and stories relevant for CORE News to [lkirsch@georgiacore.org](mailto:lkirsch@georgiacore.org).

**Georgia CORE** is a nonprofit enterprise working to strengthen the quality of cancer care in Georgia. Funded by the Georgia Research Alliance, Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, government grants, research contracts and private contributions, Georgia CORE marshals several cancer-focused entities into a single force to help Georgians fight the disease.

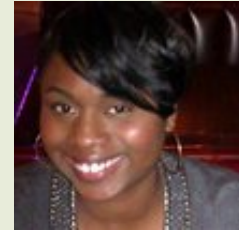
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## CORE Bits

Representatives from the Georgia CORE Gynecological Oncology Group Consortium will travel to San Antonio for the national GOG semi-annual meeting July 18-20. GOG affiliates are **Central Georgia Gynecologic Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine, Georgia Regents University, John B. Amos Cancer Center, Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler, Memorial University Medical Center, Northeast Georgia Health System, Northside Hospital, and Piedmont Healthcare.**

Georgia CORE's Health Education Specialist, **Monique Martin**, was recently asked to [blog on behalf of the Young Survival Coalition](#) where she describes how genetic counseling helps determine personal risk.



Thanks to a grant from the Colon Cancer Alliance, **Northside Hospital** offers qualified patients transportation within metro Atlanta to colorectal-related activities such as a physician and colonoscopy appointments, diagnostic testing, treatment, and medication re-fills.

Dr. Saeid Khansarinia, Cancer Liaison Physician and thoracic surgeon from **Piedmont Healthcare**, and Georgia CORE recently hosted physician guest lecturer Dr. David Jablons, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the University of California San Francisco. Dr. Jablons is conducting research in lung cancer genomics and early detection of recurrence in high risk, early stage lung cancer patients.

The **Young Survival Coalition** and **Breast Cancer Survivors' Network** is conducting a [survey](#) on behalf of Georgia CORE and the Department of Public Health. The survey will assess referrals and the use of genetic services by early-onset breast cancer survivors in Georgia, the results of which will be used to shape educational outreach to Georgia providers and improve access to genetic services for Georgia women.

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