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## CORE Event Corner:

**May 14-15<sup>th</sup>**- Orientation to Oncology Clinical Trials. Macon, GA.  
Sponsored by Georgia CORE and GASCO.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**- Lung Cancer Working Group Meeting  
Please save the date.

## Seay is the New Georgia CORE Board Chairman



Thomas E. Seay, MD, PhD is the new chairman of the Georgia CORE Board of Directors. Dr. Thomas Seay has been a part of Georgia CORE since its inception, serving on the executive committee for development and incorporation of the organization.

Dr. Seay is principal investigator for the Atlanta Regional Community Clinical Oncology Program. He has served as an advocate for incorporation of an integrated electronic medical record in the community oncology practice setting.

Dr. Seay received his Doctor of Medicine from the James H. Quillian College School of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee, and completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Emory University School of Medicine. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences (Molecular Immunology) from East Tennessee State University. Dr. Seay is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology.

## GOG Consortium Makes Strides toward Full Membership

The Georgia CORE Gynecologic Oncology Group Consortium is currently a provisional member of the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG). The consortium is making strides to become full members by achieving the mandated membership points for patient enrollment this summer.

Currently active members of the Georgia CORE GOG Consortium, Mercer/Memorial University and the Medical College of Georgia, are on target to accrue half of the points by mid-year, ensuring that provisional membership status is maintained. The sites are accruing a greater percentage of patients to high priority GOG studies.

## Georgia CORE Announces Partnership with Emory Winship Cancer Institute, Georgia's Only NCI-Designated Cancer Center

The designation of Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute as an NCI cancer center marks a tremendous accomplishment for the state of Georgia. Prior to the designation, Georgia was the largest state, and Atlanta the largest city, lacking an NCI-designated cancer center.



Left to Right: William J. "Bill" Todd, CEO Georgia Cancer Coalition; Nancy M. Paris, President, Georgia CORE; Brian Leyland-Jones, MD, PhD, Executive Director, Emory Winship Cancer Institute.

Georgia CORE has formed a partnership with the Winship Cancer Institute to expand clinical trials infrastructure across the state with the state-wide research network. Georgia CORE is generously supported by the Georgia Cancer Coalition, with funding from the State of Georgia and the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, by the Emory Winship Cancer Institute, an NCI-designated Cancer Center and by Georgia oncologists.

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## Georgia CORE Welcomes New Board Members

Georgia CORE welcomed seven new members to the Board of Directors in February:

Michael B. Andrews, MD  
Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers  
Marietta

Steven T. Brower, MD, FACS  
Memorial University Medical Center  
Savannah

Walter J. Curran, MD, FACR  
Emory University School of Medicine  
Department of Radiation Oncology  
Atlanta

Sheryl Gabram-Mendola, MD, MBA, FACS  
Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady  
Atlanta

Anand P. Jillella, MD  
Medical College of Georgia  
Augusta

Dilawar Khan, MD  
Harbin Clinic  
Rome

Ruth M. O'Regan, MD  
Emory Winship Cancer Institute  
Atlanta

Georgia CORE Board members reflect community and academic oncologists who are active leaders in cancer clinical research across the state.

## Meetings and Events

**Friday, May 15, 2009** Jean Sindab Triple Negative Breast Cancer Symposium

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Intercontinental Hotel Buckhead Atlanta

The Emory University School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA Physicians Recognition Award Category 1 Credits.

Tuition: FREE

<http://www.med.emory.edu/CME/pdfs%202009/09-WC0515.pdf>

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** Lung Cancer Working Group Meeting- Please save the date.

**Saturday-Sunday, July 25-26<sup>th</sup>**- Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, 265 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Sunday – Thursday, July 26 – 30<sup>th</sup>** Updates in Hematology and Medical Oncology  
The Sanctuary, Kiawah Island, SC  
Tuition: \$400

## Schnell is New Chief Medical Officer



Frederick M. Schnell, MD, FACP is the new Chief Medical Officer of Georgia CORE. Dr. Schnell led the development and incorporation of the Georgia Center for

Oncology Research & Education. He was the founding chair of the Georgia CORE Board of Directors and served on the executive committee through 2008. Dr. Schnell is a medical oncologist in private practice with Central Georgia Cancer Care, PC, with offices in Macon and Warner Robins, Georgia. He is also clinical assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at the Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon.

Dr. Schnell earned his Doctor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and completed a residency and fellowship at Emory University. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. He serves as the principal investigator at his site for clinical trials conducted in collaboration with academic, industry, and National Cancer Institute Cooperative Groups. He is a past president of GASCO and was instrumental in the development of the Central Georgia Regional Program of Excellence. Dr. Schnell is chair of the Community Oncology Alliance, and a recipient of the ASCO community research award.