

Clinical Research Newsletter

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NEW GA NCORP SHARED EMAIL:

To make it easier to connect with our team, we have established a dedicated GA NCORP inbox:

 gancorp@georgiacore.org

This inbox is available for all GA NCORP-related inquiries, including rostering requests, compliance and regulatory questions, policies and SOPs, education and training, monitoring and audit questions, and general program support. Your message will be routed to the appropriate team member, enabling us to respond more efficiently and ensure continuity of support.

GA NCORP I&A Fall 2026

On Aug 20, 2026, GA NCORP hosted the I&A meeting. We reviewed updates on the GA NCORP program, SRC Committee, and the overview of the URCC-24060 TKI study. We also appreciate your support during the brief Georgia CORE update segment. Thanks so much for your participation!



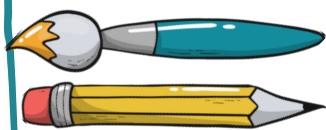
High-Priority Study Spotlight

URCC24060: Impact of Targeted Therapy on Cancer-Related Cognitive Impairment

This URCC NCORP study follows patients with CML or CLL who are starting a tyrosine kinase inhibitor, alongside matched controls, to understand how these therapies affect memory, attention, and everyday thinking, a problem that is common and distressing yet still understudied in blood cancers. We are flagging it as a priority because it pairs real patient relevance with one of the lowest operational lifts on the menu. It is observational and minimal risk, with no drug or device to manage. Participation runs across three visits over a year (patient-reported surveys, a short cognitive battery, a saliva sample, and a brief smartphone check-in). The iPads and phones are supplied by the Research Base, and participants receive up to \$150.

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As Georgia CORE continues to expand its statewide research initiatives, we have realigned our research infrastructure to better support our partnering sites, investigators, and research professionals across the GA NCORP network. Over the past several years, our work has evolved beyond supporting individual programs to building a statewide research infrastructure focused on operational excellence, quality, compliance, workforce development, and clinical trial access. This new structure gives you dedicated expertise in key operational areas while continuing to receive responsive, collaborative support.

RE-INTRODUCING OUR RESEARCH TEAM



Shantoria Brown

Director, Research Strategy & Operations

Provides strategic leadership and operational oversight for Georgia CORE's statewide research initiatives, including GA NCORP, workforce development, industry partnerships, and research operations. Oversees network strategy, program development, grants, contracts, and organizational initiatives while working closely with affiliate leadership to strengthen research capacity across Georgia.

Atira Goodwin



Research Operations & Network Specialist

Serves as the primary operational liaison for GA NCORP affiliates.

Atira supports network operations, affiliate engagement, member onboarding, program implementation, meeting coordination, communications, and day-to-day program activities.

Angelique Brooks



Manager, Research Compliance & Systems

Leads quality, compliance, and research systems across the network. Angelique oversees internal monitoring, audit readiness, regulatory compliance, policies and procedures, research systems, data quality initiatives, and continuous process improvement.

Shondolyn Richburg



Research Compliance & Network Specialist

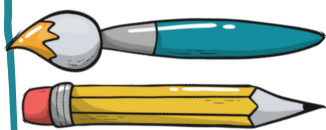
Supports compliance and network operations by assisting with internal monitoring activities, regulatory documentation, training compliance, audit preparation, and affiliate support. Shondolyn works closely with sites to help maintain compliance and promote research quality across the network.

Kaylan Dixon



Research Data & Quality Analyst

Supports network reporting and data quality initiatives through performance dashboards, accrual and portfolio reporting, quality metrics, and operational analytics that help drive continuous improvement across the GA NCORP network.



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Research Base Roundup

NETWORK HIGHLIGHT, NOW OPEN: AASI-NSCLC (A082302)

The Alliance, SWOG, ECOG-ACRIN, and NRG Oncology have opened A082302, a phase III trial testing whether one year of adjuvant atezolizumab after surgery lowers recurrence in stage I non-small cell lung cancer, with a target of 336 participants. Because it runs across all four groups, most of our sites can access it through their existing research base affiliations.

Details: clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT07388524

SWOG

Mark your calendars. The SWOG NCORP Research Base Clinical Trials Workshop is October 8, 2026, covering Cancer Care Delivery, Palliative Care, Prevention/Screening/Surveillance, and Symptom Management and Survivorship. SOCRA continuing education credit is available.

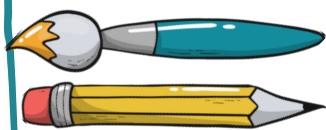
→ Program tie-in: Encourage our coordinators to attend for the SOCRA CEU credit. The four workshop tracks map directly to CORE Research Fundamentals modules, and it is a useful refresher ahead of the fall class cohort.

ECOG-ACRIN

Practice-changing, with a Georgia connection. The ENDURANCE (E1A11) trial, published in the New England Journal of Medicine on July 15, 2026, found that stopping lenalidomide maintenance at 2 years gave the same survival as indefinite therapy with less toxicity, in newly diagnosed myeloma patients not undergoing stem cell transplant. Dr. Sagar Lonial of Winship Cancer Institute at Emory was a co-author.

TRIALS PENDING ACTIVATION

Research Base	Title
ECOG-ACRIN	EAQ241CD: FinFit: Addressing Financial Hardship in AYA Cancer Survivors
	EAQ181: Randomized Controlled Trial of FoRtitude: Targeted eHealth Intervention to Reduce Fear of Recurrence Among Breast Cancer Survivors in Community Oncology Settings
	EAQ161CD: Biomarker Testing in Common Solid Cancers: An Assessment of Current Practices in Precision Oncology in the Community Setting
Alliance	A222302: Family Communications After Genetic Testing



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Upcoming Research Base Meetings*

Research Base	Date	Location
SWOG	October 9-11, 2026	Chicago, IL
	April 15-17, 2027	San Francisco, CA
	October 14-16, 2027	Chicago, IL
ECOG	October 20 - 22, 2026	Philadelphia, PA
	May 4-6, 2027	Baltimore, MD
	October 26-28, 2027	Chicago, IL
URCC	September 10-12, 2026	Niagara Falls, NY
Wake Forest	October 12-14, 2026	Myrtle Beach, SC
NRG	January 28-30, 2027	Las Vegas, NV
	July 15-17, 2027	Washington, DC
UPCOMING ROUTINE AUDITS ¹		
ECOG	TBD	Exact dates and method (onsite vs virtual) are pending.
NRG	TBD	
SWOG	TBD for 2027	
URCC	TBD for 2027	
Wake Forest	TBD for 2027	

*Please contact Shantoria Brown (sbrown@georgiacore.org) to discuss travel funds.

Travel Funds Available for the Fall 2026 ECOG-ACRIN Group Meeting

The ECOG-ACRIN Clinical Research Associates (CRA) Core Committee has limited funds available to provide travel assistance to the upcoming meeting in Philadelphia, PA, Tuesday, October 20–Thursday, October 22, 2026. Four candidates will be selected to receive a travel expense reimbursement award of up to \$1000. These funds are intended to facilitate attendance to the ECOG-ACRIN meetings for CRAs with no other form of travel support. Data managers, clinical research associates or clinical research coordinators/nurses (who do their own data) are eligible to apply. Only one candidate per institution will be supported.

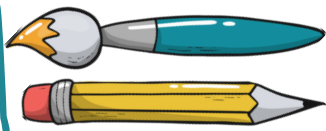


2026 URCC NCORP Research Base Annual Meeting
Annual Meeting 2026
September 10-12
Niagara Falls Convention Center
Niagara Falls, New York, USA

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the URCC NCORP Research Base will be held IN PERSON ONLY from 11 am Thursday, September 10th, through 1 pm Saturday, September 12th.

The meeting will be held in Niagara Falls, NY, USA, at the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

We will host Coordinator Training in the afternoon on Thursday, September 10 followed by a Meet-and-Greet with the Study Chairs of active and upcoming protocols and with the URCC Research Base staff on Thursday night, as we have in the past.



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CORE Fundamentals Training Course



CORE Research Fundamentals, is a two-day, Virtual training program for cancer clinical research professionals across the state of Georgia. This class will equip research teams at Georgia's oncology research sites with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to successfully execute cancer clinical trials in real-world settings.



SEPT 21-22 2026
AT 9:00AM - 4:00 PM

THIS CLASS IS VIRTUAL AND A ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO YOU AFTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED



What You'll Learn:

- Cancer Basics 101
- Clinical Trials 101
- Research Roles & Responsibilities
- Informed Consent Process & Documentation
- Regulatory Compliance
- Eligibility Screening & Enrollment
- Safety Reporting (AEs, SAEs, UPs)
- Protocol Interpretation & Compliance
- Good Documentation Practices

*Upon completion of this class and the Post test and Class Evaluation, you will receive CEU Credits!

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Georgia CORE is pleased to offer the CORE Research Fundamentals Training Program to all NCORP-affiliated sites at no cost, on Sept 21-22, 2026.

This two-day, live virtual training covers essential clinical research topics including Informed Consent, Regulatory Compliance, Safety Reporting, and Good Documentation Practices. Participants earn 10 CEUs and a Certificate of Completion upon successful completion.

A few important reminders: participants only need to register once, and NCORP participants are eligible to take the course one time within a 12-month period. Those interested in a refresher course may be added to the waitlist for a future session.

If you know of other Georgia-based oncology research sites outside the NCORP network that could benefit from this training, we encourage you to share this opportunity with them, as Georgia CORE welcomes those conversations.

Registration is now open and will close 2 weeks prior to the class.

SIGN UP TODAY
Individual Registration



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NCORP Crossword

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 - Therapy given after primary treatment to lower recurrence
 - A measurable indicator used to guide or assess treatment
 - A defined outcome used to judge a trial's results
 - A measure of how abnormal cancer cells look, 1 to 4
 - A prescribed schedule of cancer treatment
 - A harmful treatment effect, graded by CTCAE
 - Medidata's electronic data capture system
 - "Overall ___," a common oncology trial endpoint
 - The branch of medicine devoted to cancer
 - Criteria for measuring solid tumor response (acronym)
 - Delivery of a drug into a vein over time
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 - Determining how far a cancer has spread
 - "___ event," an unfavorable medical occurrence
 - An inactive comparator used in a controlled trial
 - To assign trial participants to study arms by chance
 - NCI's National Clinical Trials Network (acronym)
 - "___ for Clinical Trials in Oncology," an NCTN group
 - The return of cancer after a period of improvement
 - Cancer Trials Support Unit (acronym)
 - An abnormal mass of tissue
 - Tissue sample taken to diagnose cancer
 - NCI's Oncology Patient Enrollment Network (acronym)