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FRIDAY, Sept. 30, 2022 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mercer University • University Center (President's Dining Room)
1501 Mercer University Drive • Macon, GA 31207



8:00 AM

COFFEE AND NETWORKING

8:30 AM

WELCOME

- Jean Sumner, MD, Dean, Mercer University School of Medicine
- Sharad Ghamande, MD, Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University, GASCO President

8:45 AM

KEYNOTE – DEFINING THE PROBLEM AND EVIDENCE BASED INTERVENTIONS (EBIS)

- Bradley Carthon, MD PhD, Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University

9:15 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION: CURRENT EFFORTS FOR DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL TRIALS

Topic Description: Twenty years ago, Georgia's leaders made cancer research and clinical trials a priority for the state. There has been an eight-fold increase in the number of clinical trials since then, but barriers to participation remain. This panel of experts will discuss current availability of clinical trials, the types of trials available and initiatives to increase the reach of these trials, and the advances that have been made relating specifically to diverse populations.

Facilitator: Crain Garrot, MD, GA Cancer Specialists

Panelists:

- Trena Davis, BSN RN CCRC, Northeast Georgia Medical Center
- Theresa Gillespie, PhD MA FAAN, Winship Cancer institute, Emory University
- Anand Jillella, MD, Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University
- Margaret A. Ferreira, MS, RN, OCN, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

10:10 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION: BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION FOR DIVERSE POPULATIONS

Topic Description: Studies have shown, and the COVID-19 pandemic has clearly demonstrated, that there are barriers to participation in clinical trials. A deficiency of information and access to clinical trials is heightened for Black, Asian, Hispanic, and other ethnic and racial minorities. Rural residents also suffer from diminished access to cutting edge research and treatments. This panel of experts will discuss the impediments they see in their practices and hospitals to increased equity to cancer clinical trials.

Facilitator: Brian Rivers, PhD MPH, Morehouse School of Medicine

Panelists:

- Rodolfo Bordoni, MD, Georgia Cancer Specialists
- Chirag Jani, MD, Phoebe Putney Medical Center
- Pooja Mishra, MBA/MHA FACHE, Grady Health System
- Jayanthi Srinivasiah, MD, Georgia Cancer Specialists

11:05 AM **BREAK AND MOVE TO BREAKOUT SESSION**

11:15 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

1.) From the Beginning: Educating and Empowering Patients at Initial Diagnosis

Session Description: Are patients being informed of potential clinical trials at initial diagnosis? How can this be done effectively and compassionately? In this session, participants will discuss practical ideas to include the introduction of the possibility of clinical trials in these initial interactions.

Facilitators: Andrew Weatherall, RN OCN CCRC, Atrium Health Navicent

2.) Increasing Accruals through Improving the Consenting Process

Session Description: After a patient shows interest in participating in a clinical trial, there are often process centered barriers, healthcare system barriers and, patient barriers such as language or cultural impediments that make it difficult to accrue and retain diverse patients on a clinical trial. Session attendees will discuss these difficulties and potential improvements in the consenting process that could yield a more diverse patient population.

Facilitators: Mary Egan, BS CCRC and Kylie Graden, BSA, University Cancer & Blood Center

3.) Easing Socioeconomic Barriers to Participation

Session Description: Patients who are socioeconomically disadvantaged may have multiple barriers to participation including transportation, housing/hoteling, absences from work, or home health care. This session will explore data about socioeconomic disparities and engage in a discussion about potential actions to alleviate some of these barriers.

Facilitators: Lisa Flowers, MD MPH FACOG, Emory University and Grady Health System and Ajay Nooka, MD MPH FACP, Emory University

12:15 PM **LUNCH (Break and go through buffet line)**

12:30 PM **THE PATIENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

- Kimberly Michelle Smith, Patient Survivor and Advocate and Sheryl Gabram, MD MBA, Chief Scientific Officer, Georgia CORE

12:45 PM **ASCO HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVES**

- Christopher Cross, PhD, Director of Health Equity Strategies, ASCO

1:00 PM **LUNCH PRESENTATION: BLUE BUTTON PROJECT: INNOVATIONS IN DATA SHARING/MATCHING SERVICES**

- Mark Fleury, PhD, Principal, Policy Development-Emerging Science, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

1:30 PM **BREAK**

1:45 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 2**

1.) Dispelling Myths in Communities of Color

Session Description: Many of us may think we know why communities of color have a lower rate of participation in clinical trials, but do we really? And what can be done to dispel myths and focus on real impediments to participation in these communities? Attendees in this session will identify the myths and discuss how to work with members of communities of color to heighten participation.

Facilitators: Pamela Cooper and Roland Matthews, MD, FACOG, Morehouse School of Medicine

2.) *Converting the Masses: Encouraging Physicians to Accrue to Clinical Trials*

Session Description: A recent NIH study found that only 10 to 20% of physicians inform their cancer patients about clinical trials. This session will focus on practical ways healthcare systems and providers can encourage and support community physicians in their efforts to refer patients for clinical trial participation.

Facilitators: Cheryl Jones, MD and Binta Auta, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

3.) *Expanding Rural Access and Outreach*

Session Description: Many of Georgia's rural communities have limited access to cutting-edge clinical trials and treatments. In this session, participants will identify barriers for rural residents and seek to identify solutions for this population.

Facilitators: Harsha Vyas, MD, Cancer Center of Middle Georgia and Chris Scoggins, MPH, Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center

2:45 PM

BREAK AND RECONVENE

3:00 PM

BREAKOUT GROUP REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

- Andrew Pippas, MD (Chair, Georgia CORE), Director, Medical Oncology, Piedmont Columbus

3:45 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

- Andrew Pippas, MD (Chair, Georgia CORE), Director, Medical Oncology, Piedmont Columbus



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Jean Sumner, MD, Mercer University School of Medicine

Dr. Sumner has always cared deeply about the health of rural communities. A third-generation Georgia physician, Dr. Sumner has served in rural Georgia most of her career, practicing medicine in Washington and Johnson counties before becoming dean in 2016. Dr. Sumner came to MUSM as a community faculty preceptor in 1989, became associate dean for rural health in 2014, and has held a succession of leadership positions over the years. She has served as hospital chief of staff and nursing home medical director, as well as a board member, chair, and president of numerous community and statewide professional organizations.



Sharad Ghamande, MD, Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University

Dr. Ghamande joined the Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty in 2000. He began his studies in 1985 at the Seth G.S. Medical College in Bombay, India with a focus on General Obstetrics & Gynecology. He went on to specialize in gynecologic Oncology and has become a champion in his fight against gynecologic cancer. He believes that clinical trials and health care delivery research leads the way to improvements in patient's outcomes in quality of life and survival. As an oncologist, he has always strived to bring new options to our patients, educate them about the process and empower them to make choices that could better their care, and perhaps advance progress in cancer treatments. Dr. Ghamande serves on the Georgia CORE Board of Directors.

KEYNOTE: DEFINING THE PROBLEM AND EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS



Bradley Carthon, MD PhD, Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University

Dr. Carthon graduated from Hampton University in 1996 with honors as a Biology Major and Chemistry Minor. He went on to receive his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard Medical School and Harvard University in 2005, where he studied the roles of cell cycle proteins in mammary gland and breast cancer development. He remained in Boston for his residency in Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Carthon joined Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University in Atlanta in 2011. He serves as a member of the Genitourinary Oncology Group and has served as a member of the Phase I Early Discovery Unit. His interest is in novel therapeutic targets and clinical trials for genitourinary and other solid tumors. He is principal investigator on numerous genitourinary and phase I clinical trials. He is currently Associate Professor of GU Medical Oncology and serves as Chief of Hematology Oncology at Emory Winship Midtown. He is also currently serving as Interim Director, Division of Medical Oncology.

He has an interest in health disparities and has served as Chair of the Winship Cancer Institute Health Disparities, Health Literacy and Minority Accrual Committee.



Crain Garrot, MD, Georgia Cancer Specialists

Dr. L. Crain Garrot is a board-certified physician in medical oncology, hematology and internal medicine. A member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology, he has clinical interests in the management of general oncology and hematology with an emphasis on gastrointestinal cancer, genitourinary cancer and hematologic malignancies.



Margaret A. Ferreira, MS, RN, OCN, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

Margaret is the Research Program Director for Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, a member of the National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (GA NCORP). Margaret's early nursing career was dedicated to pediatrics, providing care to pediatric hematology/oncology/bone marrow transplant patients before moving to the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center as a Research Nurse to care for adult oncology patients enrolled to lung cancer and Phase I clinical trials.



Trena Davis, BSN, RN CCRC, Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Trena Davis is an Oncology Research Nurse Manager with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Certified Clinical Research Coordinator with more than 25 years of clinical nursing and management experience in oncology research, registry, and navigation.



Theresa Gillespie, PhD MA FAAN, Winship Cancer institute, Emory University

Theresa W. Gillespie is a Professor in the Departments of Surgery and Hematology and Medical Oncology in the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Gillespie's research involves multiple cancer types, encompassing clinical, health services, and population-based investigations. Her studies have focused on informed decision-making, measurement of quality and guideline concordant care, cancer disparities, risk communications, and the intersection of technology, patient comprehension, and outcomes.



Anand Jillella, MD, Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University

Anand P. Jillella, MD is a Professor in the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology and the Medical Director of the Winship Cancer Network at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. In his role as Winship Medical Director, he leads the efforts of the Winship Cancer Network and expands Winship's role in bringing clinical and population-based cancer research to communities throughout Georgia and surrounding states. Dr. Jillella serves on the Georgia CORE Board of Directors.



Brian Rivers, PhD MPH, Morehouse School of Medicine

Dr. Rivers is Professor and Director of the Cancer Health Equity Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). Dr. Rivers is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in health disparities research and a retired member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NACMHD). Dr. Rivers is a behavioral scientist with a broad background in dissemination and implementation science and public health, with specific training and expertise in methodologies commonly used to address health disparities and advance health equity.



Rodolfo Bordoni, MD, Georgia Cancer Specialists

Dr. Bordoni is the Director of the Clinical Research Program for Georgia Cancer Specialists; Lung Cancer Research Program Leader and Phase I Clinical Trials Program Director, both at Northside Hospital Cancer Institute. He is the founder and former co-Chair of the annual Atlanta Lung Cancer Symposium (ALCS) and the founder and Chair of the annual Atlanta Precision Oncology Symposium (APOS). He has been a National Cancer Institute investigator since 1992, the Principal Investigator for over a hundred oncology clinical trials and a member of the Northside Hospital and Cancer Institute Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Group.



Chirag Jani, MD, Phoebe Putney Medical Center

Chirag Jani, MD, joined Phoebe's Cancer Center team in 2003. He practices hematology, oncology, palliative care and serves as a physician for Phoebe's Hospice service. Dr. Jani is the Medical Director of Hematology and Oncology, and the Chief of Staff for the Cancer Center. Dr. Jani strongly believes in value-based medicine and providing medical care to patients and families as a whole unit.



Pooja Mishra, MBA/MHA FACHE, Grady Health System

Pooja is the Vice President of Oncology and Sickle Cell Services at Grady Health System. She is a healthcare leader with over 17 years of progressive experience in large healthcare organizations. She has a Proven record in developing key relationships, achieving results through influence, improving hospital operations, enhancing ambulatory care delivery, and implementing service excellence.



Jayanthi Srinivasiah, MD, Georgia Cancer Specialists

Dr. Jay is a Medical Oncologist who practices at Georgia Cancer Specialists in both Decatur and Johns Creek, GA. She chairs the Cancer Committee at DeKalb Medical, which includes the chairing of the Clinical Trials and Genetics Committees. She is very active in recruiting patients for participation in clinical trials, and emphasizes care of the whole patient throughout cancer treatment. Dr. Srinivasiah serves on the Georgia CORE Board of Directors.

FROM THE BEGINNING: EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING PATIENTS AT INITIAL DIAGNOSIS



Andrew Weatherall, RN OCN CCRC, Atrium Health Navicent

Mr. Weatherall is an Oncology Research Nurse at Atrium Health Navicent in Macon, GA where he serves on Atrium Health Navicent's Breast Program Leadership Committee, Atrium Health Navicent's Cancer Leadership Committee, and served on the Medical Center of Central Georgia Institutional Review Board. He has coordinated adult and pediatric oncology research programs at Atrium Health Navicent with Georgia NCORP since 2014 and is active in the Central Georgia Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society.

INCREASING ACCRUALS THROUGH IMPROVING THE CONSENTING PROCESS



Mary Egan, BS CCRC, University Cancer & Blood Center

Mary Egan joined University Cancer & Blood Center in 2011 after graduating from the University of Georgia with a Bachelors in Biology. She transitioned to the UCBC Clinical Research Department in 2015 and gained experience in regulatory, data, and coordinator roles before earning her Clinical Research Coordinator Certification in 2019. She is now the Clinical Research Manager. With a passion for cell biology and research, she also manages UCBC's robust Molecular Testing and Clinical Trial Matching Program.



Kylie Graden, BSA, University Cancer & Blood Center

Kylie Graden is a clinical research regulatory coordinator for University Cancer & Blood Center. She graduated with a Bachelors in Biological Science from the University of Georgia in 2019. Her passion for research developed in college while working in a reproductive endocrinology poultry science lab. This undergraduate research was recently published in The Journal of Experimental Zoology. After graduation, Kylie began working in oncology research and developed an appreciation for continuous learning and patient care. Her oncology research experience includes data, regulatory, and coordinator roles.

EASING SOCIOECONOMIC BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION



Lisa Flowers MD MPH FACOG, Emory University and Grady Health System

Dr. Flowers is a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Fellowship Director of the Lower Anogenital Screening and Treatment Fellowship, Director of the Colposcopy and Anoscopy clinics at the Grady Cancer Center of Excellence, Emory University Healthcare Systems, and the Ponce Infectious Disease Center. She is a gynecologist specializing in HPV related cancers, women with a genetic risk for ovarian and endometrial cancer and health disparities, especially in HIV populations. She has been a clinical specialist and translational researcher in the screening, detection and treatment of HPV related precancers and cancer.

EASING SOCIOECONOMIC BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

Ajay Nooka, MD MPH FACP, Emory University



Dr. Nooka is an Associate Professor in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Dr. Nooka primarily focuses on multiple myeloma treatment and research. He is the Scientific Director of Data and Technology Applications at Winship Cancer Institute, Director of the Myeloma Program and Chairs the Myeloma Working Group at the Department of Hematology & Oncology. His research interests include integrating genomic and clinical data on a uniform platform to risk-stratify myeloma; and evaluate newer myeloma therapeutic strategies aimed at prolonging survival in myeloma patients.

DISPELLING MYTHS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Pamela Cooper, Morehouse School of Medicine



Pamela Cooper has served in the healthcare and clinical research arenas for over 40 years. She is the Program Manager for Morehouse School of Medicine's Cancer Health Equity Institute. Over the years, she's obtained a diverse portfolio of work experience, ranging from in-patient experience, home health care, and community engagement to clinical research. She has served as a community collaborator and convener with internal partners and external stakeholders to understand the barriers that hinder access to affordable healthcare, especially in rural communities. Her unique strength to assist with developing policies and procedures, training and creativity branded her as a person of trust, commitment, and leadership.

Roland Matthews, MD, FACOG, Morehouse School of Medicine



Dr. Matthews is professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and a board-certified gynecologic oncologist and attending physician at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. Dr. Matthews is a Georgia Cancer Coalition (GCC) Distinguished Cancer Scholar and is currently the Director of the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady. He serves on the executive committee of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Section of the National Medical Association. Throughout his career, Dr. Matthews' research, education and clinical activities have focused on reducing disparities in underserved communities. Dr. Matthews serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Georgia CORE Board of Directors.

CONVERTING THE MASSES: ENCOURAGING PHYSICIANS TO ACCRUE TO CLINICAL TRIALS

Binta Auta Henry, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute



Binta Auta Henry is a Cancer Care Delivery Research (CCDR) Coordinator for Northside Hospital, a member of the National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (GA NCORP). Binta has several years of experience working with Oncology Clinical Trials, beginning her research career in oncology regulatory affairs. She is an expert in policy development, Institutional Review Board (IRB) procedures, local and national compliance, as well as Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulations and guidelines.

CONVERTING THE MASSES: ENCOURAGING PHYSICIANS TO ACCRUE TO CLINICAL TRIALS



Cheryl Jones, MD, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

Dr. Jones is a board-certified physician in medical oncology and internal medicine with over 25 years of practice experience. She participates in the GCS Quality, Research and Therapeutics Committee. Her clinical interests include management of solid tumors with a special focus on breast cancer, gynecologic malignancies, cancer survivorship and clinical research. Dr. Jones is active in local and state medical organizations and has served as president of the Bibb County Medical Society as well as serving on the board of directors for the Medical Association of Georgia, the Middle Georgia Education Foundation, the Georgia Physicians for Accountable Care, the Middle Georgia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the American Cancer Society in Dougherty County, Bibb County and the state of Georgia.

EXPANDING RURAL ACCESS AND OUTREACH



Harsha Vyas, MD, Cancer Center of Middle Georgia

Dr. Vyas is President and founding partner of Cancer Center of Middle Georgia, a private practice community cancer center providing Hematology and Oncology care in Central Georgia. His mission is to deliver quality, comprehensive, compassionate care to cancer patients in this part of underserved Middle Georgia. Dr. Vyas is Board Certified in Hematology and Medical Oncology, is published in many peer-reviewed journals, reputable online publications and is actively involved in clinical research. His efforts have brought emerging clinical research and trial medications to the underserved and the underrepresented rural patient without needing to travel long distances.



Chris Scoggins, MPH, Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center

Chris Scoggins joined the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center in March of 2019 serves as Director of Special projects. In this role he manages a wide portfolio of initiatives focused on improving health outcomes and delivery in rural communities across Georgia. His areas of interest include health policy, social determinants of health, systems of care and clinical outcomes.

BREAKOUT GROUP REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS



Andrew Pippas, MD, Piedmont Healthcare

Dr. Pippas is medical director and director of clinical oncology research with the John B. Amos Cancer Center at Piedmont Columbus Regional in Columbus, Georgia. Dr. Pippas' research interests include gastrointestinal malignancies. A 2010 Distinguished Georgia Cancer Scholar, he a recipient of the National Institutes of Health's Physician Scientist Award. Dr. Pippas is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Medical Oncology. Dr. Pippas serves as the Chairman of the Georgia CORE Board of Directors.



Kimberly "Michelle" Smith, Patient Survivor and Advocate

Michelle is a Breast Cancer Survivor and Clinical Trials Patient Participant. At just 36 years old, Michelle was diagnosed with breast cancer in her left breast with a suspicious area on her right breast. Michelle made the difficult decision to have double mastectomy surgery on November 2, 2021, she froze seven (7) embryos December 2021 and January 2022 she entered a clinical trial, completing four rounds of intense chemotherapy. A component of her trial included the research team tracking neuropathy in African American women under treatment using the drug Taxane (docetaxel). Michelle believes that clinical trials are important because they allow medications and treatments to be effectively targeted for African American women. Michelle believes that education, connection, communication, and engagement are some of the first steps to increasing African American and other minority participation in clinical trials that can advance medicine, and target illnesses and diseases more effectively.



Sheryl Gabram, MD MBA, Georgia CORE

Dr. Sheryl Gabram is currently the Chief Scientific Officer for the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (CORE) since January 2021 and in this role oversees research and clinical service initiatives. She serves as the principal investigator on a CDC Cooperative Agreement Federal Award titled "Georgia Colorectal Cancer Screening Project" 2020-2025. She is currently collaborating with Yue Guan PhD from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health on a project to increase the reach and uptake of screening for BRCA associated cancers in rural public health clinics in Georgia and Latinx women.

ASCO HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVES



Christopher Cross, PhD, Director of Health Equity Strategies, ASCO

Dr. Cross is a biomedical engineer, anatomist, neuroscientist, population geneticist, cancer biologist, LGBTQ+ advocate, and entrepreneur. In his current role as the inaugural Director of Health Equity Strategies at ASCO, he advises and supports the design and implementation of global equity, diversity, and inclusion strategies dedicated to advancing health equity initiatives across ASCO, its 45,000+ members, and external stakeholders. Additionally, he serves as Chairman and Founder of Cross River Strategies (CRS), a US-based, boutique consulting firm that uses grassroots-style community engagement and scientific research to advance health equity for historically underserved populations.



Mark Fleury, PhD, Principal, Policy Development-Emerging ScienceAmerican Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Mark Fleury, PhD is a policy principal for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). He specializes in research, drug development, and regulatory policies along with other science and technology related projects. He has worked extensively on reform of diagnostic testing oversight, helped lead a coalition in 2016 that authored a landscape report on drug development challenges in pediatric cancer, and led another coalition in 2017 that created a report and recommendations focused on overcoming cancer clinical trial enrollment barriers. He continues to lead a group of stakeholders in activities directed at implementing the recommendations arising from that report, and has collaborated on multiple peer-reviewed papers on clinical trial enrollment barriers. He currently sits on the steering committee of the Targeted Agent and Profiling Utilization Registry (TAPUR) Study, which examines the use of targeted anticancer agents used off-label in clinical settings, and has been invited to participate in clinical trial advisory groups for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Throughout his work Mark has striven to incorporate patient perspectives into inherently science-based issues, advocating for the inclusion of patients as partners throughout the bench to bedside translation of science.

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE CANCER COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE IN CANCER PATIENT NAVIGATION AWARDS NOW OPEN



Nominations are now open for the first annual **Phillip H. Street Cancer Community Service Award** and the 2023 **Matt Mumber MD Award for Excellence in Cancer Patient Navigation**. The new community service award is named for the late Phillip H. Street (pictured left), a longtime friend of Georgia CORE. An award of \$5,000 will be given to an individual or partnership that has contributed exceptional service to Georgia's cancer community. Phillip served as legal counsel to Georgia CORE for nearly 20 years and was instrumental in the organization's success.

The navigation award is funded and given by the Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia each year to an individual in the amount of \$2,000. It began in February 2013 and was named for Dr. Mumber (pictured right), a radiation oncologist in Rome, Ga., with a goal to emulate his passion for patient-centered care.

**Both awards will be given at Georgia CORE's 20th
Anniversary Gala on Feb. 18, 2023.**

Please click on or scan the QR code for more information, the criteria, and nomination forms for both awards.



