

## GA NCORP Quarterly News

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### Dr. W. Edward Richards



It is with great sadness and our deepest heartfelt regret, that we announce the passing of GA NCORP's Executive Committee member and the Medical Director of the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion, Dr. W. Edward Richards. Dr. Richards passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 6, 2021, leaving behind his wife, three daughters, four grandchildren, as well as his mother. His

dedication and commitment will be missed. Below you will find the link to his obituary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to: St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations - Advancements in Cancer Care Fund.

### In the News

#### Olympia Study



GA NCORP was recognized as a high accruer to the Olympia study (NSABP-B-55) and was offered an authorship position. **Dr. Andrew Pippas** of John B. Amos Cancer Center was awarded this position. Congratulations Dr. Pippas! More details to follow.

### David King Community Clinical Scientist Award



**Dr. Wortia McCaskill-Stevens**, the Medical Oncologist and Chief to the Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group, which houses NCI NCORP, was recognized for the David King Community Clinical Scientist Award.

Dr. McCaskill-Stevens' accomplishments include a focus on breast cancer research, cancer disparities, management of comorbidities within clinical trials, and molecular research to identify individuals who will benefit most from cancer prevention intervention. Kudos to Dr. McCaskill-Stevens for her great work!

### STUDY OF THE MONTH

#### **SWOG S1827 (MAVERICK)**

Testing Whether the Use of Brain Scans Alone Instead of Brain Scan Plus Preventive Brain Radiation Affects Lifespan in Patients With Small Cell Lung Cancer

(<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04155034>).

- Patients must have had a response to first-line therapy and no evidence of progression in opinion of treating investigator.
- No prior radiotherapy to brain or whole brain radiotherapy.

### Top Accruing Physicians By Site

#### **NHCI**

1. Lynn Baxter, MD (124)
2. Amelia Zelnak, MD (8)
3. Sreekanth Reddy, MD (4)
4. Lisa Klepczyk, MD (4)

#### **LCRP**

1. H.A. Zaren, MD (50)
2. Mark Taylor, MD (11)
3. Sarah Gill, MD (8)
4. W. Edward Richards, MD (4)

#### **NGMC**

1. Charles Nash, III, MD (59)
2. Andrew Johnson, MD (1)
3. Padma Nadella, MD (1)

#### **Navicent**

1. Abigail Cruz, MD (5)

#### **Pearlman**

1. Savita Bidyasar, MD (1)

### Upcoming Events

Check out the upcoming virtual event(s).

- Investigators & Administrators Mid-Year Meeting 3/26/2021, 2pm-4:30pm



### Affiliate Site Highlight

Spotlight on **John B. Amos Cancer Center!**

The Piedmont Columbus Regional John B. Amos Cancer Center is the only oncology center in the Columbus, Georgia region to offer a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. It is the only cancer treatment center with this designation in the 14-county service area around Columbus.

<https://www.piedmont.org/locations/location-details?practice=1379>