

# GCCR Register

Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry

Summer 2001

## GA Breast Cancer Screening Program Matches Data against GCCR

Recently, a data match was performed between Georgia's BreasTest and More (BTM) program and GCCR. The purpose of the data match was two-fold:

- To assess the completeness and accuracy of stage and tumor size data for breast cancer cases diagnosed through BTM from 1995 to 1998.
- To improve completeness of the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry.

Of 249 cases identified by BTM, 51 were not found in the GCCR central database. GCCR regional coordinators further investigated these potential cases and found that 48 were reportable breast cancer cases that should be added to the registry.

Of 249 potential breast cancer cases, seven were not reportable breast cancers, 35 were in situ, and 207 were invasive. GCCR was able to provide TNM stage and tumor size for 168 of the invasive cases.

Of the 242 reportable cases of breast cancer, 114 (47%) were staged correctly per GCCR:

		GCCR Data					
		In Situ	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Unk, Invasive
BTM Data	In Situ	33	28	21	1	0	11
	Stage 1	1	29	8	0	0	1
	Stage 2	0	9	44	3	1	11
	Stage 3	0	2	9	4	1	9
	Stage 4	0	0	1	1	4	0
	Unk, Invasive	1	3	5	1	0	0

Of the 205 reportable cases of invasive breast cancer where tumor size is applicable\*, 81 (40%) had the correct tumor size per GCCR:

		GCCR Data				
		#1 cm	>1 - #2 cm	>2 - #5 cm	>5 cm	Unk, Invasive
BTM Data	In Situ	18	18	17	2	5
	#1 cm	7	1	2	0	1
	>1 - #2 cm	6	30	7	3	3
	>2 - #5 cm	1	11	40	1	13
	>5 cm	0	3	4	4	1
	Unk, Invasive	0	3	3	0	1

\* Tumor size was not applicable in 2 cases.

## GCCR Casefinding Audit Results

This past winter, GCCR conducted a 1997 casefinding audit in the following hospitals: Tanner Medical Center at Villa Rica and Carrollton, Central State Hospital, Oconee Regional Medical Center, Washington County Regional Medical Center, Wayne Memorial Hospital, and St. Francis Hospital. A total of 1451 cases

were found. Out of these, only 192 had been previously reported.

This spring, GCCR conducted a 1998 casefinding audit in the following hospitals: St. Mary's Healthcare System, Palmyra Medical Center, Doctor's Hospital Augusta, and Candler Health System. A total of 2752 cases were found. GCCR

abstracted an average of 200 cases from each of these hospitals.

From July 2001 through June 2002, more hospitals will be audited. Assistance will be provided for each of the audited hospitals.

## Special Bulletins

**ICD-O-3 manuals** have been mailed to every hospital in Georgia. If you have not received your copy, please call Rana Bayakly at (404) 657-1943.

**ICD-O-3 training** is available on the internet at [www.training.seer.cancer.gov](http://www.training.seer.cancer.gov).

**Pilocytic astrocytoma (M-9421)** is malignant. Please change the /1 to a /3 on the following pages of your ICD-O-3 manual: 94, 113, 155, 189, 203, and 235.

## FAQ's

**Q:** Where do I find a list of new reportable diagnoses for 2001 and later cases?

**A:** In section 3A of the GCCR Policy and Procedure Manual, Revised 03/2001.

**NOTE:** For the new reportable diagnoses, please submit only those specifically listed. Conditions that are NOT reportable fall under the same ICD9 codes as conditions that are reportable.

**Q:** During special audits or routine visits, is it necessary for DHR staff to obtain patient consent to review patient information?

**A:** According to official code 31-12-2, "under provisions of this law it is not necessary to obtain individual patient consent to allow the

Department or its agents to collect information on patients with cancer from medical records or related documents for public health purpose."

**Q:** Where can I find cancer statistics for my county?

**A:** GCCR has published the Georgia Cancer Data Report 2000. It is available on the internet at [www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us](http://www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us). For a hard copy, please call the Georgia Division of Public Health, Cancer Control Section at (404) 657-6611.

Additional cancer incidence and mortality data are available on request. Please call Chrissy McNamara at (404) 657-2654 for more information.

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## Mark Your Calendars...

### **CDC 2001 Cancer Conference**

"Using Science to Build Comprehensive Cancer Programs:  
A 2001 Odyssey"  
September 4-7, 2001  
Marriott Marquis  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **GATRA/SCCRA 2001 Fall Educational Conference**

"Pathways to the Future"  
November 14-16, 2001  
Radisson Riverfront Hotel  
Augusta, Georgia

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# Star

The following electronic reporters have submitted on time and without rejection every month from March through May 2001:

- Athens Regional Medical Center
- Higgins General Hospital
- Houston Medical Center
- Medical Center of Central Georgia
- Sumter Regional Hospital
- Tanner Medical Center – Carrollton
- Tanner Medical Center – Villa Rica

The following photocopy reporters have submitted on time every month from January through May 2001:

- Appling Health Care System
- Brooks County Hospital
- Clinch Memorial Hospital
- Early Memorial Hospital
- Evans Memorial Hospital
- Flint River Community Hospital
- Grady General Hospital
- Jefferson County Hospital
- Jenkins County Hospital
- Memorial Hospital of Adel
- Mitchell County Hospital
- Monroe County Hospital
- Peach Regional Medical Center
- Putnam General Hospital
- Washington County Regional Med Ctr
- Wills Memorial Hospital

**Great job! Keep up the good work!**

## Thank You Note from the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry

GCCR thanks the following hospitals for submitting cancer data at least two months out of three (March, April and May 2001).

<b>Hospitals Reported Three Months Out of Three</b>		
Appling Health Care System	Houston Medical Center	South Fulton Med Ctr
Athens Regional Med Ctr	Jefferson County Hospital	South Georgia Medical Center
Augusta State Medical Prison	Jenkins County Hospital	Spalding Regional Hospital
Brooks County Hospital	John D. Archbold Memorial Hosp	St Francis Hospital
Calhoun Memorial Hospital	McDuffie Regional Med Ctr	St Joseph's Hosp – Atlanta
Candler Hospital – Savannah	Medical Center of Central GA	Sumter Regional Hospital
Children's Healthcare of Atl at Egleston	Medical College of Georgia	Tanner Med Ctr-Carrollton
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Memorial Hospital and Manor	Tanner Med Ctr-Villa Rica
DeKalb Medical Center	Memorial Hospital of Adel	Tattnall Memorial Hospital
Dodge County Hospital	Memorial Hospital-Savannah	The Medical Center
Dorminy Med Ctr	Mitchell County Hospital	Tift General Hospital
Early Memorial Hospital	Monroe County Hospital	University Hospital
East Georgia Regional Med Ctr	Morgan Memorial Hospital	Upson Regional Med Ctr
Elbert Memorial Hosp	NE Georgia Medical Center	VA Medical Center – Augusta
Emory Eastside Med Ctr	Newnan Hospital	VA Medical Center – Dublin
Emory Parkway Med Ctr	Newton General Hospital	Washington County Reg Med Ctr
Evans Memorial Hospital	Peach Regional Med Ctr	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Flint River Community Hosp	Peachtree Regional Hospital	Wellstar Douglas Hospital
Floyd Medical Center	Phoebe Putney Memorial Hosp	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Gordon Hospital	Piedmont Hospital	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Grady General Hospital	Putnam General Hospital	Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital
Gwinnett Medical Center	Redmond Regional Med Ctr	West Georgia Health System
Hamilton Medical Center	Rockdale Hospital	Wheeler County Hospital
Henry Medical Center	SE Georgia Regional Med Ctr	Wills Memorial Hospital
Higgins General Hospital	Smith Hospital	
<b>Hospitals Reported Two Months Out of Three</b>		
Atlanta Medical Center	Georgia Baptist Meriwether	Palmyra Medical Center
Baptist Hospital of Worth County	Habersham County Med Ctr	Polk Medical Center
Burke County Hospital	Hutcheson Medical Ctr	Rabun County Hospital
Camden Medical Center	Irwin County Hospital	Screven County Hospital
Candler County Hospital	Jeff Davis Hospital	Southern Regional Med Ctr
Children's Healthcare of Atl at Scottish Rite	Louis Smith Memorial Hosp	St Joseph's Candler Health Sys
Coliseum Medical Center	Macon Northside Hospital	Stephens County Hospital
Crawford W. Long Hospital	Middle Georgia Hospital	Taylor Regional Hospital
Doctors Hospital Columbus	Miller County Hospital	Taylor-Telfair Regional Med Ctr
Effingham County Hosp	Minnie G Boswell Mem Hosp	Vencor Hospital
Emory Adventist Hospital	North Fulton Regional Hospital	
Emory Cartersville Med Ctr	North Georgia Med Ctr	