



Northeast Georgia Medical Center OFFICE OF RESEARCH



CLINICAL RESEARCH IN **CARDIOLOGY**



For over 15 years, Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has been a leading location for high-impact clinical trials in cardiology. Having completed over 100 cardiac research Phase II - IV pharmaceutical and Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) clinical trials, our research team of highly qualified registered nurses, professional staff and nationally recognized physicians is focused on patient enrollment and timely start-up of research studies in addition to excellent patient care.

NGMC offers approximately 30 cardiology, cutting-edge clinical trials annually including: cardiac pharmaceutical; interventional cardiology; cardiovascular surgery; heart failure; electrophysiology; peripheral vascular; and general cardiology treatment modalities. These treatment modalities

include state-of-the-art cardiac imaging for coronary artery disease (CAD) and “machine-learning”, comparative left atrial appendage occluder devices, improved resynchronization features for implantable cardiac defibrillators/pacemakers, evaluative and comparative balloon angioplasty techniques and care optimization to improve patient outcomes.

Our research team in cardiology has been recognized by major sponsors as a top enrolling site through participation in pharmaceutical and device trials with outcomes in improving standard of care at the national level. As a result of the clinical trials conducted at NGMC, patients across the U.S. have benefited from improved carotid stenting, robotic angioplasty technology, MRI compatible pacemakers and new medications for the treatment of cardiovascular disease.

CLINICAL RESEARCH IN **ONCOLOGY**



The Cancer Center at NGMC has been participating in cancer clinical trials since 1996, and we partner with a variety of nationally recognized research networks across the U.S. Our oncology research program was recognized in 2018 as a Top 5 Accruing Site for numbers of patients enrolled in clinical trials by SWOG (the Southwest Cancer Chemotherapy Study Group). Our expert physicians specialize in medical, surgical, radiation and gynecologic oncology and are able to offer cutting-edge clinical trials to our patients. This includes trials for chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery for virtually all tumor sites including breast, lung and prostate cancers, three of the cancer types most often diagnosed. By offering clinical trials to patients, physicians and clinical staff in the Cancer Center are able to provide a variety of treatment options using state-of-the-art technology and resources. Many times, patients enrolled in trials have the chance to receive

a drug treatment that is not yet commercially available. The Cancer Center at NGMC is accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program. The majority of our research studies are supported by the National Cancer Institute as well as through the Sarah Cannon Research Consortium. Our cancer patients benefit from a multidisciplinary approach to care, including a patient-centered focus and treatment planning based on evidence-based national guidelines. NGMC is proud to be designated a Research Network Member of the GA NCORP, Georgia's National Cancer Institute (NCI) Community Oncology Research Program. As one of only 34 NCI national, community-based research programs, the GA NCORP research network provides Georgians in urban and rural areas access to advanced cancer prevention, screening, control, treatment and post-treatment trials.

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About Us

The Office of Research at NGMC is responsible for overseeing the quality, scientific integrity, academic impact, regulatory compliance and financial responsibility of clinical human subject research conducted at Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS).

The mission of the Office of Research at NGMC is to support, oversee, and serve as the organizational home for all clinical research conducted within the NGHS system. Our expert physicians serve as principal investigators on a number of cutting-edge clinical research studies that have the potential to impact the future of standard of care.

From study start up, to conducting trials in state-of-the-art facilities, our research team adheres to the highest standards of quality control and regulatory compliance.

We specialize in the areas of oncology and cardiology research. By engaging in clinical trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and by leading pharmaceutical and medical device partners in the medical industry, we are able to offer our patients innovative therapies and treatments that, on the national scale, have the potential to impact the way all healthcare providers treat patients with cancer and heart disease in the future.

NGHS is a non-profit community health system dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of the people of Northeast Georgia. NGHS is anchored by NGMC's three hospital campuses – NGMC Gainesville, NGMC Braselton and NGMC Barrow – with a total of 713 beds and more than 800 medical staff members representing more than 50 specialties.

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