Executive Director:
Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD

Founded: 1937

Patients: over 14,000 seen annually

Active Clinical Trials: 220

Clinical Trials Patients: 800 enrolled in the past year


Funded Cancer Research Projects: 397

NCI Grant Funding: $27 million

Total Grant Funding: $87.4 million

Specialties:
Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant, Brain and Spine Tumors, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancer, Genitourinary Cancer, Gynecologic Cancer, Head and Neck Cancer, Leukemia, Lymphoma, Lung Cancer, Melanoma, Multiple Myeloma, Pediatric Cancer, Sarcoma

Mission:
To eliminate cancer by aligning discovery and innovation with prevention, education and compassionate care.

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University is Georgia’s first and only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center and serves as the coordinating center for cancer research, education and cancer patient care throughout Emory University.

Membership: Winship is comprised of 355 investigators with faculty appointments within Emory University School of Medicine, Rollins School of Public Health, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory/Georgia Tech Department of Biomedical Engineering, and Emory College.

Cancer Care Services: Winship offers patients and their family members a vast array of resources in medical oncology, surgery, radiation oncology, clinical trials, diagnostic imaging, complementary therapies and social services.

Hospitals & Clinics: Winship providers see patients at Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University Hospital, Emory University Hospital Midtown, Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital, Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Grady Hospital, the Atlanta VA Medical Center and the Aflac Cancer Center of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

Clinical Trials: Winship works to extend the benefits of NCI Designation and expand the availability of groundbreaking clinical research to every corner of the state. Winship runs its own dedicated Phase I Clinical Trials Unit, and was selected as one of 30 Lead Academic Participating Sites to coordinate cooperative group studies.
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History
The Winship Cancer Institute was established in 1937 through a gift to Emory from Coca Cola CEO Robert Woodruff, who named the center after his grandfather, Robert Winship, in honor of his mother, Emily Winship, who died from breast cancer. Woodruff’s vision was to create a center in Georgia that focuses on research, education and patient care. The Woodruff Foundation has continued to support Emory in achieving this vision, and in 2003 Emory dedicated the 275,000 square-foot Winship Cancer Institute building, constructed with funds from the Woodruff Foundation and designed to facilitate new and more effective cancer treatments for the citizens of Georgia and beyond.

Today, Winship is a world leader in cancer research funded by the National Cancer Institute, the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, the American Cancer Society, and many others. Winship’s discoveries and collaborative research initiatives have fueled groundbreaking bench-to-bedside scientific work.

Patient Complimentary Services
- Patient and Family Resource Center – library, lounge, computer access
- Nutrition counseling
- Financial services
- Survivorship and Supportive Oncology services
- Patient Education – facilitated by advanced practice nursing staff and certified social workers
- Active patient support groups
- Pastoral services – one-on-one counseling, emotional and spiritual support
- Psychiatric Oncology Program
- Pain Management Clinic for cancer patients – first of its kind in the state of Georgia
- Lymphedema Clinic
- Boutique offering prostheses and products to improve appearance and self-esteem

Research Programs
Translational research is critical to Winship’s mission. Winship participates with four full research programs and a number of developing research programs.
- Cancer Cell Biology
- Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics
- Cancer Prevention and Control
- Discovery and Developmental Therapeutics

Research and Innovation
- A ground-breaking study that is part of The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network will change the way patients with diffuse gliomas, a form of brain tumor, will be diagnosed and treated in the future. Winship researcher and neuropathologist Daniel J. Brat, MD, PhD is the lead study author. The investigators found that molecular diagnostics are much more precise and reproducible than looking at tissue under a microscope for classification.
- Winship-led studies presented at the 2015 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) meeting show effective use of two different immune-based therapies that could significantly increase treatment options for multiple myeloma patients. Both studies were presented by lead author Sagar Lonial, MD, Winship’s Chief Medical Officer and an internationally recognized expert in the research and treatment of multiple myeloma. The studies are significant because currently there are no monoclonal antibodies approved for treatment of multiple myeloma.
- Two Winship Cancer Institute researchers have received a $3.5 million Informatics Technology for Cancer Research (ITCR) U24 award from the National Cancer Institute. David Gutman, MD, PhD and Lee Cooper, PhD, assistant professors in the Departments of Neurology, Biomedical Informatics, and Biomedical Engineering, will use the five-year award to develop software tools to help researchers gain new insights from cancer imaging data. The award will set the stage for novel applications in human cancer research, both at Winship as well as for the cancer research community as a whole.
- Winship researchers are currently studying how massage may help reduce fatigue in breast cancer patients. Co-investigator Mylin Torres, MD, says “we believe that there are many positive effects to be gained by therapeutic massage and we hope to prove that, among other biological advantages, massage may diminish the incapacitation that cancer-related fatigue can cause for our patients.”