GCCRT held 4th annual forum in March
As part of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, about 75 cancer care experts and advocates gathered for the 4th Annual Georgia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Forum on March 6. Launched in 2016, GCCRT is a program of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium (GC3), with project management provided by the American Cancer Society and chaired by Georgia CORE partner Jim Hotz, MD. With nearly 200 members, the GCCRT is dedicated to reducing the incidence of and mortality from colorectal cancer in Georgia through coordinated leadership and strategic planning.

The keynote speaker of the forum was Robert Smith, PhD, Vice President of Cancer Screening for the American Cancer Society. Dr. Smith spoke about the new national campaign, "80 percent in Every Community" and the 2018 ACS CRC Screening Guidelines, which lowered the recommended screening age to 45.
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Patients First Act headed to Kemp's desk

Metro Atlanta CEO
The Georgia House of Representatives approved final passage of the Patients First Act (S.B. 106). In response, Gov. Brian P. Kemp issued the following statement: “Today, with the passage of the Patients First Act, we are one step closer to lowering costs, increasing access and improving the quality of healthcare for Georgia families. I thank Speaker Ralston, Lt. Governor Duncan, and members of the General Assembly for their bipartisan support of this landmark legislation. I look forward to working together to deliver a Georgia-centric healthcare system that puts patients — not the status quo — first.” READ MORE

Healthcare professionals are hard to find in hot labor market

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As opioid crisis continues, providers must embrace 'data utilization'

Charles Hutchinson, InSync Healthcare Solutions, LLC
Efforts to solve the country's opioid epidemic have picked up speed in recent months with new legislation, but the crisis is still far from slowing down. More than 800 people per week die from opioid-related overdoses, and recent figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that that the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is $78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment and criminal justice involvement. READ MORE