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## **NGMC NURSE MANAGER RECOGNIZED WITH CANCER EDUCATION AWARD**

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – The northeast Georgia community can rest assured that they’re getting the best cancer care possible, as Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) continues to put an emphasis on cancer research and education. Angie Caton, assistant nurse manager at NGMC, was recently recognized as “Today’s Innovator” for her contribution to the advancement of cancer care for patients in the state of Georgia. The award highlights the work of individuals enhancing cancer research and care for all Georgians.

“It is an honor to receive the ‘Innovator’ award from the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (Georgia CORE),” Caton said. “Not only do I feel privileged to collaborate with these great leaders, but I get to observe firsthand the benefits of cancer education and research out in our community.”

In 2022, NGMC performed 1,880 LDCT screenings and identified 15 patients in need of cancer treatment. More than half of these cases were caught at Stage 0 – 2, the earliest stage at which lung cancer can be detected and is often curable by surgery, chemo or radiation. In addition, the time from scan to treatment of those diagnosed dropped by six days, a significant improvement from 2021. In 2022, Caton also collaborated with the American Cancer Society to provide free transportation and lodging for cancer patients in need.

Caton currently serves on the Board of Directors for Glory, Hope & Life – an organization that supports patients being treated for cancer. Through the Oncology Nursing

Society and Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation boards, Caton has continued to help provide opportunities and support for cancer patients, families and caregivers in northeast Georgia, as well as further the education of oncology nurses.

“Angie’s leadership in cancer education and her willingness to share her knowledge helps our partners provide exceptional patient care throughout the state of Georgia,” said Lynn M. Durham, president and CEO of Georgia CORE. “We are grateful for her work in cancer care research, education and collaboration.”

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### **ABOUT NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER**

Since 1951, Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has been on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. With hospitals located in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder and Dahlonega, the four NGMC campuses have a total of more than 750 beds and more than 1,200 medical staff members representing more than 60 specialties. NGMC is part of Northeast Georgia Health System, a non-profit that cares for more than one million people across more than 19 counties. Learn more at [www.nghs.com](http://www.nghs.com).