Georgia Breast and Cervical Cancer Program: Client Navigation System

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Background

Health Department nurses
wear many hats and work
on many programs, limiting
their time available for
follow-up for BCCP patients.
In addition, outreach staff is
very limited in most of the
health districts.



Client Navigation System in Georgia

- Developed in Fall 2001 Summer 2011
- Reported directly to health districts
- Funded with federal and state funds

As of October 1, 2011

- Client Navigators will be part of the state contract with ACS, but will continue to work with health department nurses
- Additionally, we are hiring 3 more CNs for metro area through a United Way grant

Client Navigator General Roles

In general Client Navigators assist clients with:

- Provide cancer education and screening information
- Eliminating barriers to screening and diagnosis/follow-up care.
- Facilitating client navigation through the healthcare system

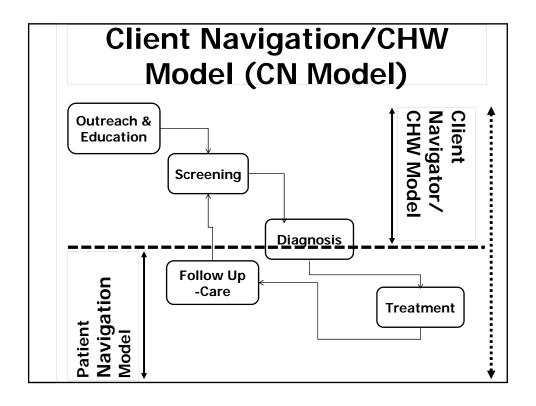
CN- Case Management & Outreach Roles

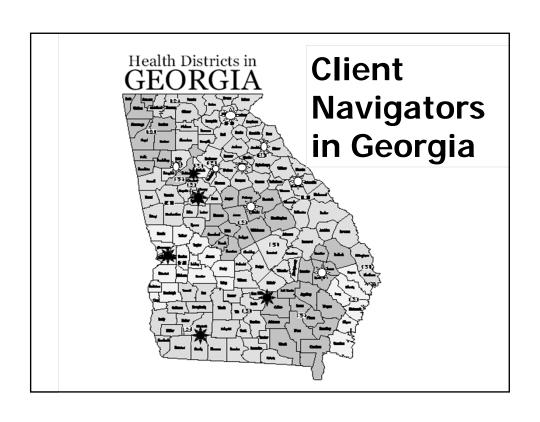
Support Case Manager Nurses by

 Assisting with client follow-up when screening results are abnormal (generally until diagnosis is completed)

Increasing community awareness, outreach and recruitment by

- · Participating in outreach activities
- Providing client and community education.
- Promoting rescreening





CN- Tracking & Reporting

Data captured from July 2010 - June 2011

Women Assisted	6517
Recall/Follow-up letters	8137
Recall/Follow-up calls	5136
Follow-up home visits	57
Breast Cancer Diagnosis Completed	3511
Breast Cancer Treatment Completed	155
Cervical Cancer Diagnosis Completed	264
Cervical Cancer Treatment Completed	101
Women's Health Medicaid Enrollment	179

Cancer? Me? It could not be happening to me...

"The Client Navigator in my area held my hand and stayed with me from the day of my screening and through my biopsy, surgery and chemo – I do not know what would have happened to me without her!"



- Minnie Smith