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Register Now for the 2021 Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer

Registration is now open for the 2021 Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer on **May 1, 2021**.

Registration is free and when you raise \$100, you'll earn the 2021 Walk t-shirt. [Learn more and register.](#)

Treatment Talks



BCAN's exciting lineup of patient-focused live videos continues in February and beyond.

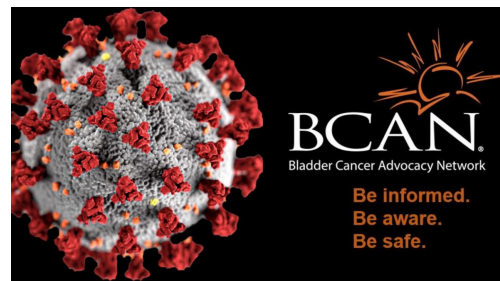
Upcoming Treatment Talks include:

What you need to know about chemotherapy treatment and bladder cancer, February 18th, 2021, 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM Eastern
[Register Now](#)

What you need to know about maintenance therapy after initial therapy for bladder cancer
February 28th, 2021, 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Eastern
[Register Now](#)

What you need to know about

COVID-19 Vaccines and Bladder Cancer



The COVID-19 pandemic remains at the top of our minds. In case you missed it, Dr. Michael Poch, from the Moffitt Cancer Center, helped clarify key issues related to the pandemic and bladder cancer during last year's Virtual Summit for Patients and Families. You can watch his presentation [here](#) and also read the accompanying transcript [here](#).

At BCAN, we understand how important this topic is to bladder cancer patients and we have asked the experts to help you know more about COVID-19 and bladder cancer. Check out our [FAQs](#) page often to stay updated on what bladder cancer

antibody drug conjugates to treat bladder cancer

April 14th, 2021 | 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM Eastern

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patients, survivors and their families should know.

Learn more

Annmarie: "I Don't Have a Bag, I Have a Prosthetic Bladder."

Annmarie is a schoolteacher at a high school in Mashpee, Massachusetts. In May 2018, she was teaching and got a sharp pain in her kidney area. She thought, "Oh, kidney stones."

After going to urgent care and then to a hospital, Annmarie was told she had a UTI.



A very happy Annmarie and her grandson.

She recounted to BCAN, "Once I saw my doctor, they let me know I still had signs of a UTI and gave me the option of staying on the antibiotics, which I agreed to make sure that it cleared up. I followed up with my gynecologist for fibroids, and she did an ultrasound beginning of July. They were the ones who found the bladder mass."

Annmarie ended up receiving a radical cystectomy and has a unique perspective on this experience. She told BCAN, "I don't have a bag, I have a prosthetic bladder."

Read Annmarie's story

First-ever BCAN Podcast Now Available



The first episode of BCAN's "[Bladder Cancer Matters](#)" is out and available for download. Host Rick Bangs interviews Dr. Ashish Kamat OF MD Anderson Cancer Center about:

- What BCG is
- Why there is a shortage
- Alternatives to BCG

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