



The Beacon

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June 2021

Noel Lipman



First-ever Beacon of Hope Award Winner Announced

More than 800 people voted in our first-ever Beacon of Hope contest and the winner is **Noel Lipman** of South Carolina.

Noel was nominated by Dan Miller, who is a bladder cancer patient helped by Noel's support and counsel.

[Read more](#)

You Asked, They Answered at "Ask the Experts" Event



Watch the Ask the Experts event by clicking on the image above

On May 26, BCAN held its first ever online "**Ask the Experts**" event. Like years past, the goal of the event is to connect patients and caregivers in the bladder cancer community with some of the leading experts in the field.

Bladder Cancer Awareness Month Wrap Up



Niagara Falls was illuminated in orange, the bladder cancer awareness color, on May 3, 2021.

Every May, we celebrate **Bladder Cancer Awareness Month** (BCAM) and take full advantage of the opportunity to raise awareness of this terrible disease, one that has struck more than 600,000 people in the United States.

More than 500 people registered to watch the live event with **Dr. Kent Mouw** of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and **Dr. Sarah Psutka** of the University of Washington - both of whom were BCAN [Young Investigator Awardees](#) earlier in their careers.

In the days leading up to the event, BCAN received more than **200 questions** for our experts and the moderator, [Diane Zipursky Quale](#), did her best to get to as many questions as possible during the hour-long broadcast.

You can watch a recording of Ask the Experts [on the BCAN web site](#)..

We kicked off BCAM on May 1 with our successful [Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#).

During May, BCAN also launched a series of educational videos about bladder cancer from the patient and caregiver perspectives. [Click here to watch the videos](#).

As noted above and in addition, May we also collected votes for the first-ever [Beacon of Hope Award](#). Congratulations to our winner, **Noel Lipman**.

Also in May, BCAN announced the record five winners of its [Young Investigator Awards](#).

Raising awareness never ends and we're already planning for next May!

Upcoming Expert Videos

Treating Bladder Cancer | **Bladder Removal Surgery Part 1: radical cystectomy options**
June 8, 2021 at 06:00 PM ET
[Register here](#)

Treating Bladder Cancer | **Bladder Removal Surgery Part 2: managing the psycho-social impact of a radical cystectomy**
June 15, 2021 06:00 PM ET
[Register here](#)

Black Families Bladder Cancer Awareness
Jun 17, 2021 07:00 PM ET
[Register here](#)

Treatment Talk | **What You Need to Know About Clinical Trials as Options to Treat Bladder Cancer**
September 14, 2021 at 07:00 PM ET
[Register here](#)



Familiar, smiling faces from the 2020 Summit

Virtual Summit for Bladder Cancer Patients and Families

Our [annual summit](#) for patients and families is coming to a computer, tablet or cell phone near you in October 2021. Reserve your seat now.

Once a year, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network brings together bladder cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers to share stories, experiences, and information. The [2021 Bladder Cancer Summit](#) will be held **Saturday, October 9 from 12:00 -5:30 PM** (Eastern Time). Click the link below to register for the Summit.

[Register to attend the Summit](#)

Jim's Doctor: "Guess what? You have some urine in your blood."

Jim Scott is a bladder cancer survivor, Vietnam veteran, and passionate advocate for the bladder cancer community.

Diagnosed in 2014, Jim had been experiencing blood in his urine for a year. When he visited his primary care physician, Jim was repeatedly treated for a urinary tract infection.



Jim Scott speaking at a BCAN Summit for Patients and Families

Of his experience as a bladder cancer advocate, Jim recently said: "For those of us who are advocates, our job is to hopefully go out and generate awareness. Our challenge is to help in bringing about a cure. That's one of the things I love about this organization. BCAN is not interested in building more cancer facilities, it's about finding a cure."

[Read Jim's story](#)



[Set a Facebook reminder](#)

Bladder Cancer "Bag Lady" Patient and Caregiver Video on June 3rd at 10:00 am ET on Facebook

Please join us on Thursday, June 3 at 10:00 am ET for [a special moving and inspiring interview](#) with Dorothy De La Garza, who underwent a radical cystectomy, and her caregiver husband, John. They share insights on what it's like to receive a bladder cancer diagnosis and live with the disease.

