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# The Beacon

e-Newsletter of the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

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Six things to know about bladder cancer  
*March 2021*

**BLADDER CANCER**  
AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2021

Walk to End  
Bladder Cancer  
Ask the Experts  
Beacon of Hope

## Join us for Bladder Cancer Awareness Month Activities this May

May 2021 will be a busy month for raising bladder cancer awareness. We invite you to join us for our exciting, upcoming events, including the [Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#), our [Ask the Experts](#) event, and the [Beacon of Hope](#) award nominations.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Upcoming Expert Videos



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

### Treatment Talk | What you need to know about maintenance therapy after initial therapy for bladder cancer

March 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM ET

[Register Now](#)

### Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program Peer-Reviewed Cancer Program 2021

March 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm ET

[Register Now](#)

## Podcast: What You Need to Know About COVID Vaccines and Bladder Cancer



**BLADDER  
CANCER  
MATTERS**  
PODCAST  
PRESENTED BY BCAN

Podcast: What You Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines and Bladder Cancer

The COVID-19 pandemic has made a difficult disease even more complicated for bladder cancer patients. Many in the BCAN community have pressing questions about how getting the COVID vaccine can impact their disease and treatment. Our two experts have answers.

In a "[Bladder Cancer Matters](#)" podcast available now, host Rick

**What you need to know about antibody drug conjugates to treat bladder cancer**

April 14, 2021 | 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM ET

[Register Now](#)

**Bladder Cancer Under Age 40 – Yes, it is rare, and yes it does happen. What should you know?**

April 15, 2021

[Register Now](#)

Bangs talks with [Dr. Seth Lerner](#) of Baylor College of Medicine, a urologic oncologist, and [Dr. Laila Woc-Colburn](#), an infectious disease doctor at Emory Healthcare about COVID vaccines for bladder cancer patients.

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## Nominate Your Bladder Cancer "Beacon of Hope"



For the first time ever, BCAN will honor a community-nominated "Beacon of Hope" in someone's bladder cancer journey. During Bladder Cancer Awareness Month in May, we're shining a light on those in the bladder cancer community who go the extra mile to make an impact and inspire hope. We are asking people to nominate someone who is their "[Beacon of Hope](#)." The winner will be announced during the May 26, 2021 [Ask the Experts event](#).

Who can you nominate? Whomever has had a major, positive impact on you or the larger bladder cancer community. This person could be a family member, a doctor or a nurse, or a coworker, care specialist or researcher.

Nominating someone takes less than five minutes and in order to have a submission count, those offering nominations **must be registered for the free** [Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#).

Nominate your Beacon of Hope

## Dave: With Bladder Cancer, Knowledge is Power

Dave Wolffe has penned an eloquent story about his bladder cancer journey, noting:

*"Knowing what may lie ahead when your body has become the home for cancer cells is important. Hopefully, this will only be a temporary residence for these nasty*

dweller. Thanks to the treatments available today, they can be evicted. Knowing the methods and what to expect during this battle, may relieve some of the anxiety you may experience.



Dave Wolfe

Dave also noted: "I have learned a lot and have made adjustments in my life. You can reach this point as well. Yes, this is something you never expected. Yes, there are adjustments you will need to make. Yes, this process takes time. Yes, this will become another routine part of your life."

Read Dave's story

## Cancer Today: A Magazine for Cancer Patients, Survivors Family Members and Friends



Published quarterly by the American Association for Cancer Research, *Cancer Today* magazine is for cancer patients, survivors, and their family members and friends. In every issue, *Cancer Today* offers information and inspiration as readers face the challenges of diagnosis, treatment, survivorship or caregiving. *Cancer Today* **subscriptions are free** to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers who live in the U.S.



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