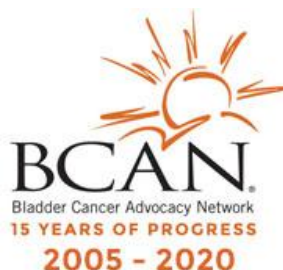


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Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Newsletter

November 2020

"Virtually" the Best Patient Summit Yet



Some of the familiar and friendly faces during BCAN's Virtual Summit for Patients and Families

Once a year, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network brings together bladder cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers to share stories, experiences, and information during our annual Summit for Patients and Families.

This year, due to COVID-19, BCAN held an online-only Patient Summit that was attended by more than 240 people. Participants learned about medical advances from some of the leading bladder cancer medical professionals in the field, heard about how the global pandemic is altering bladder cancer treatment, and connected with others in smaller groups in virtual breakout sessions.

The positive feedback we received included these two quotes:

"Very interesting to hear how the scientists are exploring various avenues of research. All the doctors presenting did a wonderful job."

"It was helpful to understand how treating bladder cancer has been affected by COVID and how it will continue to impact bladder cancer patients after a COVID vaccine."

Could a Bladder Cancer Clinical Trial be Right for You?



A clinical trial is a research study that tries to find better ways to prevent, screen for, diagnose, or treat a disease.

Clinical trials are an essential part of bladder cancer research. They may provide possible treatment alternatives to patients who have not had success with standard and approved therapies.

BCAN provides a fully searchable dashboard with up-to-date bladder cancer clinical trials, which users can sort both by disease type and state of residence. Please visit our **[clinical trials dashboard](#)** today to find a clinical trial near you.

Upcoming Bladder Cancer Webinars

In case you missed the Summit, [simply visit this page](#) and you can watch the videos and read the transcripts.

We hope to see everyone in person next year at our 2021 Summit.



That's a Wrap! 2020 Virtual Walks to End Bladder Cancer



Click above to view the Fall Walk "thank you" video

Due to the kindness, commitment and generosity of so many, BCAN's two 2020 Virtual Walks to End Bladder Cancer raised over **\$870,000** that will help us continue to offer free support and resources to those in the bladder cancer community.

This year's Virtual Walks involved:

- More than 6,700 viewers
- 2,143 participants
- 234 teams
- 858 cities
- 46 states and the District of Columbia
- 22 Walk Ambassadors
- 10 national sponsors
- 12 local sponsors, and
- So many who generously gave their time, talent and treasure.

We are deeply grateful to all those who helped make these Walks possible. We'll "see" you next year.

Young Adults Get Bladder Cancer Too

Young adults face different challenges than the "average" bladder cancer patient. BCAN is working with experts to develop a webinar to discuss some of the challenges that bladder cancer patients under the age of 40 at diagnosis may face.

BCAN continues to bring quality programming to your computer, laptop and phone via our **Patient Insight Webinar** series. Our webinars are free-of-charge. Upcoming programs include:

Update on Veterans and Bladder Cancer

November 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM ET

[=> Register here](#)

Understanding and Treating Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinomas (UTUCs)

November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM ET

[=> Register here](#)

Save the date: Virtual Walk 2021

Mark your calendars! The 2021 Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2020. We will provide more detail in the coming months.



To learn more about our Virtual Walks to End Bladder Cancer, **please visit our Walk web site.**

Please help us identify the information you what **you wish you had received** when you first learned you had bladder cancer. We will build the top issues into the webinar program. This information will be added to our resources so that we can help more young adults who are diagnosed with bladder cancer.

[Tell us what you think](#)

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