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Smiling, familiar faces at the 2020 Virtual Patient Summit

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Meet Other Bladder Cancer Patients and Caregivers at the Summit

Once a year, BCAN hosts a summit for bladder cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers to share stories, experiences and information about this disease.

The free-to-attend 2021 [Bladder Cancer Summit](#) will be held via Zoom **Saturday, October 9**, from 12 noon-5:30 PM (Eastern Time).

Please join us!

Videos to Help You Understand Bladder Cancer

BCAN has developed a series of videos and animations that help explain some common terms related to bladder cancer. For example, we have animations that cover:

- [What is bladder cancer?](#)
- [What is a TURBT?](#)
- [What is a biopsy?](#)
- [What is a cystoscopy?](#)
- [What is a cystectomy?](#)
- [What is hematuria?](#)

In addition to our animated videos,

BCAN Partners with WebMD

WebMD[®] Education

BCAN is proud to announce a collaboration with WebMD to bring even better patient-focused educational information to bladder cancer patients.

we also have several [bladder cancer patient and caregiver](#) interviews in which they describe their very personal journeys.

The topics covered in these videos include preparing for a bladder cancer consultation, experiences with chemotherapy, adapting to a "new normal" after a radical cystectomy, and immunotherapy for bladder cancer.

We offer a host of additional videos to help you navigate your bladder cancer journey.

[See more videos](#)

Our collaboration, [First-Line and Maintenance Treatment for Advanced Bladder Cancer](#), explains what advanced bladder cancer is, the different ways that it can be treated, possible side effects from treatment as well as questions to ask your doctor.

We encourage you to [visit the WebMD page](#) that we developed in partnership with them and share the information with friends and loved ones who are facing advanced bladder cancer.

[Visit WebMD](#)

Listen up! Bladder Cancer Podcast Episodes Available Now

[The Importance of a Second Opinion for Bladder Cancer Patients with Dr. Samuel Washington](#)

[What is the Best "Light" to Detect Bladder Cancer When Getting a Cystoscopy? with Dr. Yair Lotan](#)

[The Slippery Slope of Bladder Cancer, Staging and Radical Cystectomies with Dr. Ashish Kamat](#)

[The Pluses and Minuses of Cystoscopies, TURBTs and Other Diagnostic Tools with Dr. Alexander Kutikov](#)

[The Bladder Cancer Room Where It Happens with Dr. Elizabeth Plimack](#)

[What's Up with Bladder Cancer and BCG, with Dr. Ashish Kamat](#)

Never miss an episode of "[Bladder Cancer Matters](#)" by searching for it and subscribing on your favorite podcast platform.

[More podcasts](#)

Michael's Story: Cancer Not Just Once, But Twice

Bladder cancer is an insidious disease and has a high rate of recurrence. Michael Morigi of Staten Island, NY, has had bladder cancer. And prostate cancer. Bladder

cancer was his first bout with the “Big C.”

In 2009, Michael was feeling off. He described it as a strange, “itchy” feeling in his stomach. He would continually scratch his stomach but the sensation would not go away.



Michael Morigi

During a routine physical, his doctor told him that they had found blood in his urine, microscopic [hematuria](#), which is not visible to the naked eye. On a date that is etched in the memories of many bladder cancer patients, Michael remembers the exact day that he got his diagnosis. It was December 31, 2009. His doctor looked at him and said, “You have [bladder cancer](#).”

[Read Michael's story](#)

Bladder Cancer Caregivers: CSC Needs Your Input

The Cancer Support Community, in partnership with Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, is seeking bladder cancer caregivers [to take part in an online research survey](#) about their experiences.



To participate, please click the button below and enter your email address. A research team member will follow-up by email with information to access the survey.

[Take the survey](#)

Upcoming Expert Programming and Webinars

Precision Medicine and Bladder Cancer
September 29th, 2021

Understanding Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer
November 9th, 2021

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Understanding Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

October 12th, 2021

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM Eastern

[Register here](#)

5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Eastern

[Register here](#)

Understanding Advanced/Metastatic Bladder Cancer

December 7th, 2021

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM Eastern

[Register here](#)

2022 Walk to End Bladder Cancer News



The 2022 [Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#) registration site opens on October 1, 2021. It's never too early to begin planning your fundraising to help end bladder cancer.

BCAN is also looking for volunteers to help make our 2022 Walks the best ever. If you are interested, please send an email to walk@bcan.org to learn more about how you can help.



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