



The mission of the Bladder Cancer
Advocacy Network is to increase public
awareness about bladder cancer, advance
bladder cancer research, and provide
educational and support services
for the bladder cancer community.



2020 was a year unlike any other because of the onset of the global pandemic, yet our critical mission of helping end bladder cancer did not waver. Celebrating our 15th anniversary throughout the year, BCAN continued to offer high-quality patient support and education programs, advocacy guidance, as well as maintaining and increasing grant funding for bladder cancer research. In this issue of our Annual Report, we will highlight some of the ways that we adapted to what so many now call our "new normal" of existing in a world dominated by COVID-19, a situation that made it so much more difficult for members of the bladder cancer community.

To begin the year, BCAN relocated to new office space in Bethesda, Maryland. Our first activity of the year was our Ask the Experts event held in Palm Beach, Florida in March. With the onset of the pandemic, BCAN began reimagining our important work with a renewed emphasis on delivering our programs and services in a virtual format, with new programming and additional resources.

In March, BCAN published and continued to update a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document about bladder cancer and COVID. In April, a panel of leading bladder cancer doctors was convened along with an infectious disease physician and the group discussed the pandemic's impact upon the bladder cancer community.

Our in-person Walks to End Bladder Cancer pivoted to virtual broadcasts held in the spring and fall, which allowed an expansion into additional states as well as six countries. In addition, we converted our in-person Lunch and Learn events into Coffee and Conversations online. Our webinar series featured topics of direct relevance to our patient and caregiver communities.

Even though many bladder cancer research labs were also slowed by the pandemic, BCAN continued to fund new research studies to help improve patient outcomes through our Young Investigator and Research Innovation Awards.

Needless to say, 2020 was a memorable year for everyone and without the generosity of our donors and corporate partners, none of the programs we share in this Annual Report would be possible. We are deeply grateful for the support, encouragement, and resources we receive which enable us to continue our mission to help bladder cancer patients and those who love them.

With best wishes.

Andrea and Gerry

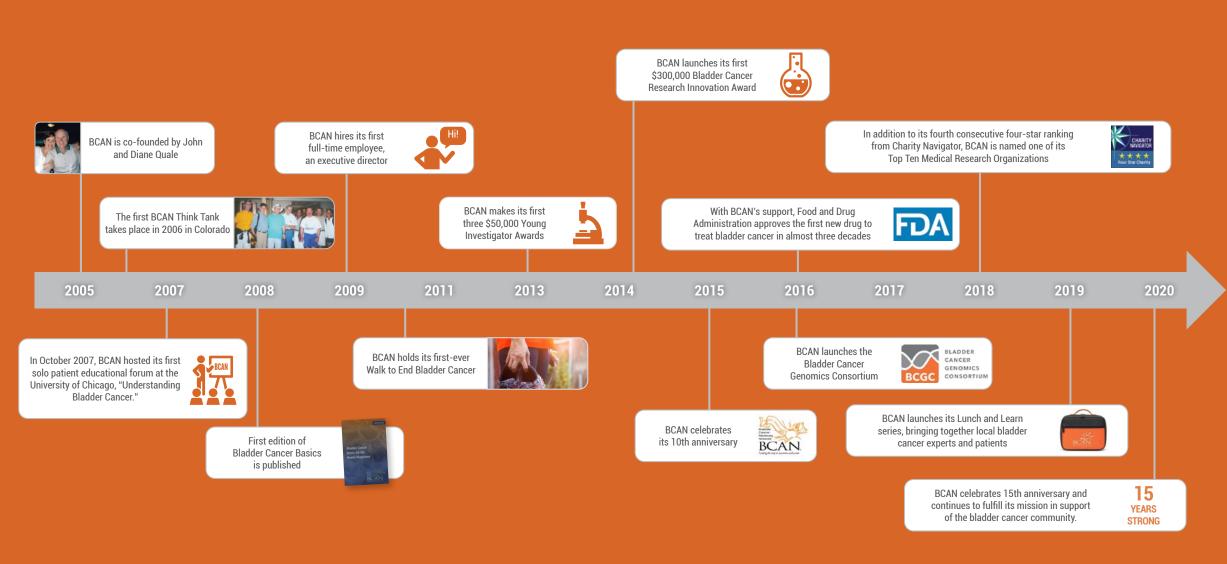


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Milestones in BCAN's 15 Years of Progress Against Bladder Cancer 2005-2020



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EDUCATION & SUPPORT



BCAN RESPONDS TO PATIENT CONCERNS ABOUT COVID-19

Live, online events included:

- Facebook Live broadcast with Patient Advocate, John Lanci, PhD.
- Bladder Cancer, BCG, and COVID-19
- Coping with Bladder Cancer in a Time of Crisis
- Regional COVID-19 Updates for Patients (762 registrants)
 - Southwest, Midwest, West Coast, Northeast, Southeast Regions

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

- Inova Schar, Arlington, VA (3 programs)
- · Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL
- · Jefferson Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Duke Cancer Center, Durham, NC

PATIENT & CAREGIVER PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

- BCAN partnered with Savor Health® in 2020 to introduce Ina®, a text-based Intelligent Nutrition Assistant to bring personalized nutrition support
- Survivor to Survivor Program BCAN matched newly diagnosed bladder cancer patients with trained volunteers more than 200 times in 2020.
- Bladder Cancer Basics for the Newly
 Diagnosed Anniversary Edition. Print and
 electronic copies were distributed to the
 bladder cancer community free of charge.
- Tips for Caregivers BCAN introduced a Tips for Caregivers booklet for bladder cancer patient caregivers, containing helpful tools and resources to navigate their challenging caregiver roles.



VIRTUAL SUMMIT FOR BLADDER CANCER PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, 240 participants from 42 states and nine countries

- learned about the impact of COVID-19 on bladder cancer treatment;
- heard from leading bladder cancer experts about recent and upcoming bladder cancer research advances;
- and interacted with expert panelists.

Patients and caregivers also took the opportunity to connect with each other to share stories, resources and provide mutual support.



PATIENT INSIGHT WEBINARS

- Understanding the Benefits of a Multidisciplinary Team and Integrated Care in Bladder Cancer
- Debunking Clinical Trials
- Understanding Cystoscopy and TURBT: What You Need To Know
- Understanding Pelvic Floor Health and Therapy
- Engaging in Grant Review as a Patient
- Tobacco and Bladder Cancer: Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, and Why Quitting is So Important
- Nutrition and Bladder Cancer: Understanding the Science Behind Nutrition Tips
- · Healthy Eating for Bladder Cancer Patients

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS







VIRTUAL WALKS TO END BLADDER CANCER

BCAN hosted two virtual walks. Saturday, May 2, 2020, and Saturday, October 3, 2020. Both Virtual Walks were broadcast on BCAN's social media channels (Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter), and included short video segments from more than 35 contributors including bladder cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, advocates, sponsors, medical professionals, and BCAN staff.

Top Fundraising Teams for 2020

Finnlee Foxes (Kansas City)
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As a result, the 2020 Virtual Walks raised over \$878,000 and drew:

- 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, and
- 12 local sponsors

Top Fundraisers for 2020

Dave Dimick (New York City) Megan McLindon (Washington DC) Pam Harris (Houston) Crystal Carrano (Virtual)









BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - 2020 ILLUMINATIONS

In May 2020, BCAN commemorated National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month with a "shine the light" campaign to raise public awareness about the symptoms, signs and risk factors of bladder cancer. With the help of volunteers and supporters, the following buildings and structures were illuminated in orange in May 2020:

- · Niagara Falls, NY
- Woodmen Life Tower, Omaha, Nebraska
- · Houston, TX skyline
- Calgary Tower, Canada
- City Hall Clock Tower, Yonkers, NY
- Millennium Carillon, Naperville, IL



Jaime GillespieBCAN Advocate and
Board member.



Patrick Cavanaugh
BCAN Lobbyist

VIRTUAL BLADDER CANCER ADVOCACY DAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

BCAN trained 98 patient advocates federal, state and locally elected representatives about how to reach Members of Congress and other elected officials to help them understand how bladder cancer impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of people per year. They also received updates from BCAN about its legislative priorities for 2020 and 2021.

RESEARCH

2020 BLADDER CANCER RESEARCH AWARDS:

2020 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award

The 2020 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award supports two investigators breaking new ground in the field of bladder cancer. The aim of the award is to support exceptionally novel and creative projects with great potential to produce breakthroughs in the management of bladder cancer.



Jeffrey Ravetch, MD, PhD of Rockefeller University

2020 New Discoveries Young Investigator Awards



Burles (Rusty) Johnson, MD, PhD Johns Hopkins University



Dr. Yuki Kita, MD, PhD, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network is committed to advancing bladder cancer research that saves lives. From our inception, BCAN has cultivated strong partnerships with leading members of the bladder cancer medical community, and we encourage collaboration for the study of bladder cancer and its prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment. We are pleased to introduce you to our 2020 research awardees:

2020 New Discoveries Young Investigator Award for Patient Centered Clinical Research



Matthew Mossanen, MD, MPH University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

John Quale Travel Fellows

Since 2009, the John Quale Travel Fellowship Program has made it possible for early-career investigators interested in bladder cancer research to attend our annual Bladder Cancer Think Tank Meeting. The Travel Fellowship Program engages early-career individuals such as basic scientists, urologists, oncologists, and pathologists and connects them with hundreds

of other bladder cancer researchers and medical professionals for a once-a-year in person opportunity.

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic persists in threatening global health and safety, BCAN was compelled to cancel the 2020 Think Tank. We are delighted to introduce the 2020 John Quale Travel Fellows at the 2021 Think Tank.



Nathan A. Brooks, MD, of MD Anderson Cancer Center



Ali R. Khaki, MD, of Stanford University



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Carissa E. Chu, MD, of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center



Jeffrey Wong, MD, PhD, of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

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2020 VIRTUAL THINK TANK

2020 was both BCAN's 15th anniversary and the 15th Annual Think Tank scientific meeting. As the COVID-19 pandemic persisted in threatening the health and safety of many, the 2020 Think Tank co-chairs, Drs. Matt Galsky and Sima Porten, and the members of the steering committee decided to conduct a virtual interactive online panel discussion on Friday, August 7th. Lively discussions included topics related to BCG-unresponsive bladder cancer and attracted 242 registrants from 29 states and eight countries.





Think Tank 2020 Program Co-Chairs, Sima Porten and Matt Galsky.

While we were disappointed that the 2020 meeting could not take place in person, we are still proud that the BCAN Think Tank continues as the principal meeting in North America focused on bladder cancer.





From left to right, Dr. Trinity Bivalacqua, Mary Gushee, Diane Zipursky Quale and Dr. Betsy Plimack.

ASK THE EXPERTS EVENT

This luncheon event, held in Palm Beach, Florida, offered a unique opportunity for audience members to have their bladder cancer questions answered by renowned bladder cancer experts. Proceeds from the event supported three Young Investigator Awards.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



In 2020, for the sixth consecutive year, BCAN was recognized with the highest possible ranking, four stars, from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, for our demonstrated track record of success and governance excellence. Charity Navigator's CEO, Michael Thatcher, said: "BCAN's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public."



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Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network 5-Year Revenue Chart 2016-2020



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