



Stephanie Chisolm:

This is a great conversation. I think there's a lot of really good information you have been sharing, it's wonderful. Let's talk a little bit about clinical trials across the spectrum of disease. Non-muscle invasive all the way through to advanced disease. **It seems to make more sense for patients with advanced disease but there are clinical trials that are being done right now to help determine things like how to better detect bladder cancer and how to treat non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.** Can you talk a little bit about some of these options? Dr. O'Donnell you are a medical oncologist so you're more likely involved in the clinical trials that are applying to people with advanced disease. **Dr. Shore, do you see that there are a lot of trials that are being conducted now that are being done with patients with non-muscle invasive disease?**

Dr. Shore:

Oh, unbelievably so. Right now I was just looking at my sheet. Right now I have 20 different bladder cancer studies of which I have... Let's see. One, two, three, four... I have about eight or nine in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer, varying stages and about nine or 10 in muscle invasive and metastatic disease.

It really is exceptional and Peter and I have lived through this. Five six years ago the number of studies in bladder cancer was really paltry and now it's just exploded. All for the better of our patients in early stage disease, non-muscle invasive, all the way to metastatic. It's incredible how much progress has been made in the last five or six years. Sometimes people will say we have more trials than we have patients now and that's an incredible problem to have. It's great for patients and it's great for science. It's great for the multi-disciplinary approach to improving healthcare.

Stephanie Chisolm:

Sure. You know, I just have to say that BCAN was started in 2005 because there was nothing going on in research in the bladder cancer space. When Diane and John Quale had been dealing with the disease for five years that John was diagnosed, they were just so frustrated that nothing was being done and now it's really gratifying to see that there are options. And remember that you can find clinical trials that are

there in your communities, in your state, by visiting BCAN.org and clicking the [clinical trials tab](#) under the research tab and you'll be able to find a clinical trial that's there in your neighborhood for your diagnosis. So they do cut across the disease spectrum.

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