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# The Beacon

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## Why Krisztina Walks to End Bladder Cancer

Krisztina Emodi is a nurse practitioner at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

She has been involved in the Walks to End Bladder Cancer for several years and is now the captain of the university team, UCSF Bladder Heroes. She and her teammates will be participating in the [Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#) on May 7, 2022 and will walk to raise awareness of bladder cancer as well as critical funds for BCAN's free programs and services.

Being part of the Virtual Walk isn't the only way to participate. The Walks will be held in person in 15 cities across the U.S. You can [register to walk](#) in a city near you.

Be sure to read Krisztina's story in BCAN's [print newsletter](#) that will be arriving in mid-March.

Read Krisztina's  
story

## Allen's Story: Anger, Denial, Then Acceptance

In March of 2014, Allen was diagnosed with stage two bladder cancer.

He told BCAN, "One part of me was thinking, 'This is not really happening,'

and another saying, 'Wow. I didn't expect that.' Like with death or any other life-altering experience, you go through those stages of grief. Anger, denial, acceptance, and it takes you a while to work through it."



*Allen and his grandson*

[Read Allen's story](#)

## Bladder Cancer Information Delivered to You, Quickly and Easily

Have you watched a Patient Insight Webinar or Treatment Talk yet? They are high-quality video programming about bladder cancer that you can watch from the convenience of your computer, tablet or smart phone. Choose your favorite and register now using one of the links below. Recordings of past webinars are [available on BCAN's web site](#), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Treatment Talk | What you need to know about treating upper tract urothelial carcinoma**

March 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

### **How to be a Proactive Patient**

March 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

### **CIS in Bladder Cancer – What does this diagnosis mean?**

March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

### **Understanding Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma (UTUC)**

April 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)



### **Treatment Talk | What you need to know about parastomal hernia after bladder removal**

May 31, 2022 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

### **Bladder Cancer Staging and Standards of Care | How is bladder cancer treated in 2022?**

June 1, 2022 at 05:00 PM ET

**Treatment Talk | What you need to know about transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT)**

April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

[Register here](#)

**Urinary Tract Infection After Radical Cystectomy**

June 7, 2022 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

## We Need You! Cancer Experience Registry



The bladder cancer community and the Cancer Experience Registry (CER) need your help to change support for this bladder cancer generation, and the next. We need your confidential opinions and experiences.

By [sharing your patient or caregiver experiences](#) with CER today, you can help build a better tomorrow for the whole bladder cancer community.

Learn more

## Who Has Been Your Shining Beacon of Light?

For the second consecutive year, 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 you to nominate your [Beacon of Hope](#).

Nominate Your Bladder Cancer Beacon of Hope

We want to hear about those in the bladder cancer community who made a positive impact and inspired hope. We are asking people to nominate someone special who has been their personal beacon of light. This person could be a family member, a doctor or a nurse, or even a coworker, care specialist, or researcher.

Nominations will be accepted until April 22, 2022, and members of the BCAN community will vote for one of three finalists in April and May. The winner will be announced during our [Ask the Experts](#) event on May 25, 2022.

You can also read about [last year's Beacon of Hope award winner](#), Noel Lipman, as well as her fellow finalists.

Recognize that special  
someone

## New! Discussion About Treatment for Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma



An expert-led video **“Are There Treatment Options for Advanced Urothelial Cancer (UC)?”** is now available on demand at CancerCoachLive (*registration required*). In it, a panel of expert oncologists and patient advocates discuss the latest treatment options for advanced UC.

In this video, you'll also get information to help you make informed decisions about your treatment along with ways to recognize and discuss side effects with your care team. Panelists also share available support options to help maintain a healthy lifestyle despite a urothelial cancer diagnosis.

Register and watch the  
video



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