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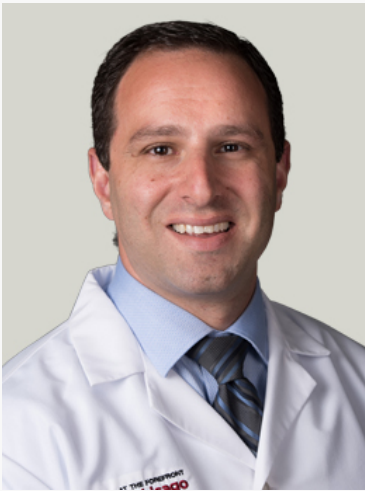
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So No One Walks Alone



Dr. Randy Sweis

Having bladder cancer, although one of the most common cancers in America, can feel like a very lonely experience.

Through our [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#) this Spring, we are working to ensure that no one walks alone who is facing this disease.

By joining an in-person or virtual Walk, you can take steps to raise funds for BCAN to continue to offer our free programs, services and educational materials for bladder cancer patients and caregivers.

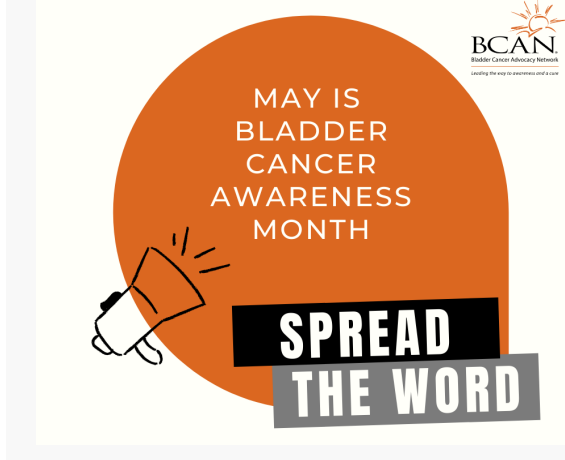
Dr. Randy Sweis of the University of Chicago will be participating in the [Chicago Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#) on May 7th because it's very important to him. He told BCAN:

"I am walking to ensure that BCAN continues to drive progress in bladder cancer to improve the lives of all those who suffer from this disease. Bladder cancer doesn't receive as much public attention as other cancers, so walking will also help raise awareness and let bladder cancer patients know they are not alone."

Join us at a
Walk

**Bladder Cancer Awareness
Month is Only 30 Days
Away**

Each May, [Bladder Cancer Awareness Month](#) is a time for



those in the bladder cancer community to join together to increase awareness of the disease and raise much-needed funds for [bladder cancer research](#) as well as patient education and support.

It's also a time for patients, caregivers and loved ones to share their stories and honor those who have been impacted by this terrible disease. You'll read about some of the activities we have planned in this newsletter.

Dianne's Story: I Thought I Was Going to Die

Dianne, like so many other patients, was not expecting her bladder cancer diagnosis when she went to see a urologist. The cystoscopy found two golf ball-sized tumors in her bladder. Stunned by the news, she told BCAN, "Hearing the news was paralyzing. I remember getting in my car and just crying. At that point, all I could think was, 'I'm going to die.'"



Dianne and her husband

[Read Dianne's story](#)

Upcoming Webinars

Understanding Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma (UTUC)

April 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

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

April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

The Care and Keeping of an

Indiana Pouch

May 18, 2022

7:00 PM - 08:00 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](#)

WEBINARS

Bladder cancer expert information delivered to your phone, tablet or computer.

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

June 1, 2022 at 05:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Urinary Tract Infection After Radical Cystectomy

June 7, 2022 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Ask the Bladder Cancer Experts on May 25th

THE BLADDER CANCER ADVOCACY NETWORK INVITES YOU TO **ASK THE EXPERTS**

A Unique Reception Featuring an
Interactive Question and Answer Session
with Leading Bladder Cancer Experts

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network is pleased to present a **free opportunity** to interact with two of the leading bladder cancer doctors in the country at our “**Ask the Experts**” online event. It will take place on May 25 at 7:00 pm ET.

Ask the Experts is an online question and answer session with **Dr. Sumeet Bhanvadia** of USC Keck School of Medicine and **Dr. Gopa Iyer** of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Attendees will be given the opportunity to ask their own questions in advance of the meeting.

The meeting is free-to-attend, but registration is required.

[Register for Ask the Experts](#)

Who is Your

Beacon of Hope?

Who is that special person in your life who has been there for you and helped you during your bladder cancer journey? We are giving people in the BCAN community an opportunity to nominate that someone for a [Beacon of Hope](#) award.



We want to know about and recognize those in the bladder cancer community who made a positive impact and inspired hope. Your nominee could be a family member, a doctor or a nurse, or even a coworker, care specialist, or researcher.

Beacon of Hope 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 BCAN's [Ask the Experts](#) event on May 25, 2022.

Recognize that special
someone

New Bladder Cancer Podcasts Available

BLADDER CANCER MATTERS PODCAST

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Now in its second season, the [Bladder Cancer Matters](#) podcast continues to bring you conversations with leading doctors and passionate patients and caregivers. During each episode, host Rick Bangs interviews interesting members of the bladder cancer community.

[Season 1](#) is available for listening and Season 2 episodes include:

[How Patients Can Navigate the BCG Shortage with Dr. Robert Svatek](#)

[What Are Biomarkers and Why Do They Matter to Bladder Cancer Patients?](#)

[What's the Connection Between Bladder Cancer and Environmental Exposure?](#)

[Quality of Life After Bladder Removal Surgery with Dr. Bernard Bochner, Part 1](#)

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