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## Special Edition - May 2022

### It's Here!!

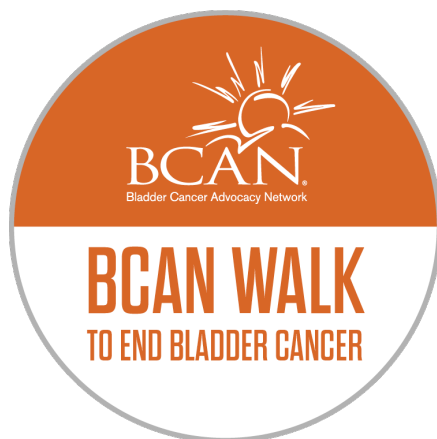
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May 1 marks the beginning of **Bladder Cancer Awareness Month**. It is 31 days dedicated to raising awareness about bladder cancer and sharing resources and information to help support patients, survivors, caregivers and medical professionals impacted by this all-too-common disease.

[Learn more](#)

### Will You Join Us?



We are delighted that we returned to in-person **Walks**

### Ask the Bladder Cancer Experts on May 25th



**Ask the Experts** (ATE) will take place on May 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm ET and is a free, unique opportunity for bladder

[to End Bladder Cancer](#) this year in 16 cities. Some have already taken place, but our upcoming Walks include:

- Boston, MA - May 7
- Washington, DC - May 7
- Virtual Walk - May 7
- Chicago, IL - May 7
- Columbus, OH - May 7
- Nashville, TN - May 7
- Richmond, VA - May 14
- Albany, NY - May 21
- Baltimore, MD - May 21
- New York, NY - May 21
- Pittsburgh, PA - May 21

Click the link below to learn more and sign up for an upcoming Walk.

[Walk with us](#)

cancer patients and caregivers to ask questions of two prominent doctors in the field.

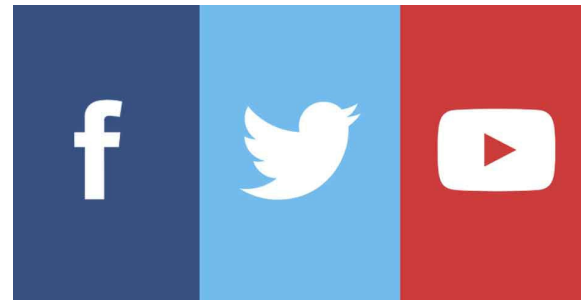
Attendees can participate in an online question and answer session and learn about the present and future of bladder cancer treatment. The experts are two of the leading bladder cancer doctors and also BCAN [Young Investigator Award](#) recipients, Dr. Sumeet Bhanvadia and Dr. Gopa Iyer.

Registration is free but required.

[RSVP now](#)

## Virtual Walk LIVE Broadcast May 7 at 11:00 am ET

Our Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer **live broadcast** will take place on May 7 at 11:00 am ET on BCAN's social media channels. You don't need accounts to access the broadcast on our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube channels.



We'll be featuring members of the amazing bladder cancer community including patients, caregivers, cheerleaders and sponsors. Our in-studio host, Jennifer, will be giving live shout-outs to walkers and others who are walking to end bladder cancer and will also highlight some amazing stories from the BCAN community.

Be sure to tune in on BCAN's social media channels:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)

We'll "see" you on the 7th!

## Beacon of Hope Award Voting Open Soon



We thank everyone who nominated that special someone for our second annual Beacon of Hope Award. We received nominations for patients, doctors, caregivers and others who have touched someone's life in their bladder cancer journey.

Be sure to tune in to our Virtual Walk broadcast on May 7, 2022 at 11:00 am ET on BCAN social media channels to find out who the three finalists are - and then vote for the person you think is most deserving of the award. The winner will be announced during the [Ask the Experts](#) online event on May 25, 2022.

## Raising Awareness - Bladder Cancer Quiz

You probably already know about bladder cancer, but part of what we do during May is to raise awareness of the disease among the general public.

We ask you to share [this bladder cancer quiz](#) with someone you love, or on your social media accounts. Knowing the signs and symptoms of bladder cancer saves lives.



[View the quiz](#)

## Upcoming Webinars and Treatment Talks

Our informative webinars and Treatment Talks are free, but registration is required. Save your spot by signing up below.

### The Care and Keeping of an Indiana Pouch

May 18, 2022

7:00 PM - 08:00 PM ET

### Urinary Tract Infection After Radical Cystectomy

June 7, 2022 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

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**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

[Register here](#)

## Walter's Story: I had Stage IV, Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Walter's bladder cancer journey started about 10 years ago. He was exercising every day and losing weight on purpose. One day he came home from the gym and started urinating blood. That happened every day after he left the gym so he called his urologist and went to see him.



Walter

The doctor performed a cystoscopy and found Stage IV, muscle-invasive bladder cancer. Walter had to have his bladder removed to save his life.

He told BCAN: *"Getting bladder cancer was discouraging for me. I'd worked so hard to get into shape and then needed to spend so much time in bed. I remember a physical therapist in the hospital got me up to walk two days after surgery. I told her that I'd been running five miles a day prior to that."*

[Read Walter's story](#)



## In-Person Summit for Patients and Families Starts September 30

It's been too long since we could gather together and we're delighted to announce that our annual [Summit for Patients and Families](#) will be **IN PERSON** this year.

**When:** September 30 - October 1, 2022

**Where:** Westin Baltimore Washington Airport

**What:** Our annual gathering of bladder cancer patients, caregivers, medical and research professionals and sponsors. This year's theme is "Stay Well. Thrive & Survive."

Reserve your spot the the Summit



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