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The Beacon

e-Newsletter of the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

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We Did It!



Thanks to you, we not only achieved our Walk to End Bladder Cancer fundraising goal of \$800,000, we exceeded it by more than \$100,000!

We are so grateful to the thousands of members of the BCAN community who walked in-person and virtually to make sure that NO ONE WALKS ALONE.

Click to play thank you video

**BLADDER
CANCER
SUMMIT FOR
PATIENTS &
FAMILIES**
September 30 &
October 1, 2022

Join Us at the Bladder Cancer Patient Summit

We are excited that this year, we can meet again in person at our [Bladder Cancer Summit for Patients and Families](#).

Please join us on September 30 and October 1, 2022 at the Westin Baltimore Washington Airport (BWI) Hotel. The theme for this year's gathering is "Staying well and thriving while surviving."

There is no cost to attend the summit and by registering, you can get the BCAN hotel group rate of \$122 per night.

Join us at the Summit

BCAN Announces Its 2022 Young Investigator Awardees



On May 25 at the Ask the Experts event, BCAN announced the recipients of its four **Young Investigator Awards** presented to exceptional early career research scientists and clinical cancer investigators who have shown a commitment to improving the lives of bladder cancer patients. Click below to read about the awardees and their projects.

[Meet the awardees](#)

Fun-filled Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer Broadcast

In case you missed it, our May 7, 2022 **Virtual Walk to End Bladder Cancer broadcast** was a celebration of our community as well as of the thousands of people around the country who walked and raised funds to end this terrible disease.

Our live, in-studio host, Jennifer Stauss Story, led viewers through an hour long, fun-filled broadcast.

The video featured BCAN community patients, caregivers, survivors and sponsors, as well as live shout-outs for those who walked that day. Tune in and don't miss the shout-out for Pete in LA who dressed in a BCAN orange feather boa!



[Click to watch the Virtual Walk broadcast](#)

[Watch the broadcast](#)

Upcoming Webinars

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

June 1, 2022 at 05:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

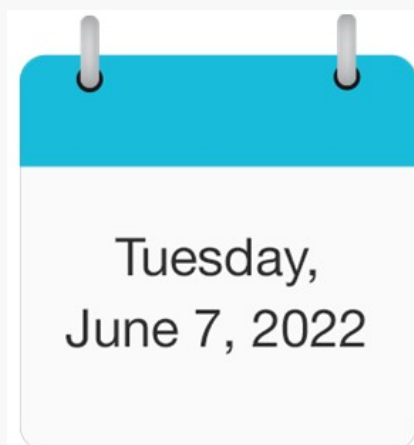
Urinary Tract Infection After Radical Cystectomy

June 7, 2022 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)



Live on June 7: "Uncovering Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer"



Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer (UTUC) is a rare type of cancer that occurs in the lining of the kidneys and ureters. When you or a loved one receives a diagnosis, it can be frightening and confusing.

Join us for "**Uncovering UTUC**," an online program featuring live conversations with both physicians and patients, exploring what UTUC is, how it can be treated, and what support is available for patients and caregivers.

After watching the program, you'll:

- Have a clear picture as to what UTUC is, who is impacted, and what the key symptoms are
- Understand how UTUC is detected and diagnosed and recognize the difference between low-grade and high-grade disease
- Be familiar with all treatment options available as well as the factors that influence treatment decisions
- Get tips on how to talk with your healthcare team when making treatment decisions

[Register now](#)

Beacon of Hope Award Winner

After more than 80 nominations and 500+ votes, the BCAN community selected Karen Godfrey as **the second Beacon of Hope awardee**. The other finalists were Dr. James McKiernan

and Bill Russell.

Karen has been part of the BCAN community almost since the beginning.



Karen Godfrey

One of the people who nominated Karen said: *"So glad I was connected with this knowledgeable and helpful lady. She is the best!"*

The BCAN community agreed that Karen is "the best." Thank you to the hundreds of people who voted and congratulations, Karen!

You Asked, the Bladder Cancer Experts Answered



Click above to watch the video

On May 25, 2022, BCAN hosted an hour long event, **Ask the Experts**, in which two of the leading bladder cancer doctors in the United States, Dr. Sumeet Bhanvadia and Dr. Gopa Iyer, answered audience questions about the disease, its treatment and prognoses for patients.

[Watch the video](#) to find out if your question was answered.

Save the Date! First-ever BCAN Golf Tournament

BCAN GOLF TOURNAMENT
October 17, 2022

BCAN GOLF OUTING
Worthington Manor Golf Club
Fingerboard Road
Urbana, Maryland 21704

Registration: 8:00–9:30am
Shotgun 10:00am

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Please mark your calendars for the first-ever BCAN Golf Tournament. We are

finalizing registration details.

When: Monday, October 17, 2022

Where: [Worthington Manor Golf Club](#), Fingerboard Road, Urbana, Maryland

We will provide more details in the near future.



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

New episodes include:

[Bladder Cancer Can be Painful, Especially Financially, with Cindy Lawson DeVore](#)

[Karen's Story: Bladder Cancer Nurse, Patient and Caregiver](#)

[Update: What You Need to Know About COVID Vaccines and Bladder Cancer with Dr. Seth Lerner and Dr. Laila Woc-Colburn](#)

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

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