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Join Us In Person at the Summit for Patients and Families

The [Bladder Cancer Summit for Patients and Families](#) will take place in person this year!

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.

**Register for the
Summit**

Gabby's Story: My Baby Daughter Saved My Life

Gabrielle experienced some bleeding when she was pregnant with her daughter, Autumn, and was told it was normal. It was only after she gave birth

and the bleeding returned that she realized that her pregnancy exacerbated the #1 sign of bladder cancer - blood in the urine.

When Gabrielle was carrying her baby, Autumn was pressing up against Gabby's bladder and her tumor. Her bleeding began sooner than would normally be expected and enabled a very early bladder cancer diagnosis.



Gabrielle and Autumn

Read Gabby's
story

August is Make a Will Month



Having a Will done is one of those things that many know they have to do, but we often put off.

This August marks **National Make-A-Will Month**. Join the 100+ BCAN supporters who secured their futures and protected their loved ones through an estate plan. Take 20 minutes out of your day to [start your free will today.](#)

Exercise your
FreeWill

Summertime Travel Tips for Bladder Cancer Patients

Tips for Summer After Radical Cystectomy | Hot & Muggy Days



"Loose clothing! I wear two pairs of underwear and a bag cover, so I don't have the plastic bag next to my skin."

-Faith M., ileal conduit since 2018

In August, vacation season is in full swing for many. For those living with a urinary diversion, travel can present some unique challenges. BCAN has developed a [Bladder Cancer Travel Tips](#) page with insight and information from patients with the lived experience of traveling after a radical cystectomy.

If you have your own clever solutions for living well with your urinary diversion, won't you [share your tips](#) with others? BCAN will collect your tips and advice and post them on our [Facebook](#) page throughout the summer so that others can benefit.

Share your
tips

BCAN's New Chief Development Officer

August 1st, 2022 marks the start of the tenure of BCAN's first-ever Chief Development Officer, [Rob Demske](#).

For more than 25 years, Rob has applied his professional skills and leadership working for a myriad of healthcare, education, civil rights, legal assistance and non-profit organizations. Rob will provide the strategic insight and tactical know how to assist BCAN with its goal of transformational growth to serve even more bladder cancer patients and families.



Welcome, Rob!

Rob Demske

Upcoming Webinars

*Less Common
Types of a
Common Cancer –
Bladder Cancer*

September 19, 2022
5-6:00 PM ET
With Dr. Max Kates



**Quality Bladder
Cancer Care in
the Community**

With Dr. Suzanne Merrill



**Less Common Types of a Common
Cancer – Bladder Cancer**

September 19, 2022, 5:00 pm ET

[Register here](#)

**Quality Bladder Cancer Care in the
Community**

September 21, 2022 6:00 pm ET

[Register here](#)



Physical and Psycho-Social Sexual Health After Bladder Cancer

Oct 12, 2022, 05:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)



**Videos to Help Understand
Bladder Cancer**

BCAN has developed a series of videos and animations that help explain some common terms related to bladder cancer. The short video on the left explains what a cystoscopy is.

Please [visit our web site](#) for more informational videos about bladder cancer.

Watch videos



