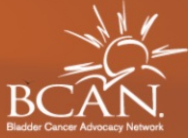


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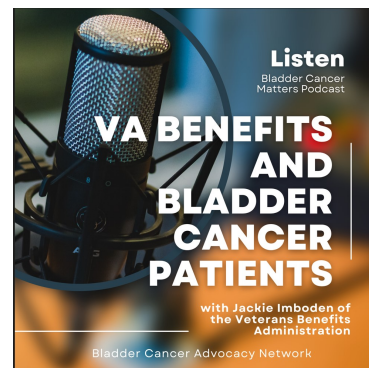
Steve's Journey: A Vietnam Veteran With Bladder Cancer

Steve, a Vietnam veteran, was experiencing some mild symptoms in 2017 when he was diagnosed with a carcinoma in situ, a flat tumor in his bladder. He was first successfully treated with BCG, but in 2022, further tests revealed that his bladder cancer had spread and was muscle-invasive.

His doctors recommended a radical cystectomy. Steve was stunned, but knew that he had to do it to save his life.

**Read Steve's story
here**

If you are a veteran and believe that your bladder cancer is related to your military service, we invite you to listen to this "Bladder Cancer Matters" podcast episode with Jackie Imboden, a special advisor for military exposures for the Veterans Benefits Administration: [Information About Veterans and Bladder Cancer.](#)



Thanks For Getting Us Moving, Bill!

Last month, superstar and 2022 [BCAN of Hope Nominee Bill Russell](#) hosted the 2023 Walk to End Bladder Cancer Sneak Peek Party



and he announced our fundraising goal of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS!**

We need your help to do it! To register to walk, please click on the button below and to learn more about how you can get involved, please email walk@bcan.org.

Walk with us in 2023

First of **TWO** 2023 Patient Summits - Register Now

2023 Spring
Bladder Cancer
Summit for
Patients and
Families

FRI. 3 | 31 | 23 - SAT. 4 | 1 | 23
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To help bring important BCAN programming closer to where people live, we will be hosting two Bladder Cancer Summits for Patients and Families in 2023.

Our first will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on March 31 and April 1st, 2023 at the conveniently-located Airport Marriott. Click below for more details and to register.

Register here

We Need You! Share Your Cancer Experience

Take just 60 minutes,
and help this generation
of patients, caregivers and
survivors, and the next.



The bladder cancer community and the Cancer Experience Registry (CER) need your help 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.

You can learn more about the Cancer Experience Registry by listening to [Episode 21](#) of the Bladder Cancer Matters podcast.

NEW! Weekly Bladder Cancer News and Support

Beginning January 4, 2023, BCAN will develop and distribute a **weekly e-update called Bladder Cancer Briefs**. True to its name, this update will contain brief items of interest to the bladder cancer community, including patient stories, research updates, support services and news items.

Signing up is free. Simply click below.



Wednesday, January 4, 2023



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Support Resources

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[Learn more](#)

Please send me Bladder Cancer Briefs

Merci and Gracias!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network on Giving Tuesday, November 29th. As always, we are amazed by the generosity of our community members.



Upcoming Webinars

Realities of Bladder Cancer in Women

December 8th | 7:00 PM ET

[Register now](#)

Moving Through Bladder Cancer - How Exercise Impacts Your Treatment and Mental Health

January 11, 2023 | 5:30 pm ET

[Register now](#)

When Cure Is Not An Option | Managing Difficult Conversations and Treatments at End of Life

January 25th | 5:00 PM ET

[Register now](#)

View past webinars by



Welcome, Ivan!

The BCAN family has grown again with the addition of our first-ever Community Engagement Manager, [Ivan Martinez](#). Ivan joined the BCAN team to expand the reach of our programs and services across the country. He'll also ensure that those whose lives are changed by a bladder cancer diagnosis know about the education and support that BCAN provides.

Ivan wants to hear from you! If you want to connect BCAN with your doctors and let them know about the free resources and programming that we provide, email Ivan at imartinez@bcan.org.

