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Diane's Story: "I Thought I Was Going to Die"

When Diane got her bladder cancer diagnosis, shock overcame her. She told BCAN, "Hearing the news was paralyzing. I remember getting in my car and just crying. I immediately called my husband and told him the news. He kept reassuring me that we would get through this, but I was thinking "I'm going to die."

[Read Diane's story here](#)

Call Centering Offering Psychosocial Support for Bladder Cancer Community

In case you missed our [announcement last week](#), in partnership with CancerCare, BCAN has launched a support line for bladder cancer patients, caregivers and the bereaved.

By calling **833-ASK-4-BCA (833-275-4222)**, callers will be connected with professional oncology social workers at CancerCare who have specific expertise on issues impacting bladder cancer patients and their families.

Bladder Cancer Support Line
833-275-4222

- Professional oncology social workers
- Psychosocial support
- Free resources for patients, loved ones and the bereaved

Call now

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Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

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Join Us at the 2023 Spring Patient Summit in Phoenix



Our first of the 2023 [Summits for Patients and Families](#) is coming soon to **Phoenix, Arizona on March 31 and April 1st, 2023** at the conveniently-located Airport Marriott.

The Summit will feature [two days of exciting programs](#) to help you thrive and survive on your bladder cancer journey. Join us in Phoenix to be in a room full of others who know *exactly* what you are going through.

Save me a
seat

NEW! Support Group for Women With Bladder Cancer

Beginning in February 2023, BCAN will be hosting a monthly [Female Focus Support Group](#) for women bladder cancer patients and survivors.

We've heard from many women that having the disease can feel isolating, so please join us for a moderated discussion that is by women and for women.



Join Female
Focus

NEW! Stay Up-to-Date on What's Happening at BCAN

Would you like to keep up-to-date on what's happening at BCAN? Beginning

in mid February, we are going to send a monthly email ("What's New at BCAN") with details about recent and upcoming **webinars, podcast episodes and interesting items** about bladder cancer patient education and support. Click on the link below and look for the first email soon.



Please send me "What's New at BCAN"

Get Your Walking Shoes On!



We invite you to join us and thousands of others to [walk to end bladder cancer](#) in the Spring of 2023 in 15 cities and virtually. Back by popular demand, this year we will again be offering [amazing incentive prizes](#) for raising money to help BCAN help bladder cancer patients.

Learn more and sign up

Upcoming Webinars

Managing the Anxiety and Fear That Can Accompany Bladder Cancer

February 21, 2023

5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Bladder Cancer Treatment

March 1, 2023

4:00 pm ET

[Register here](#)

Expanding Treatment Options for NMIBC – introducing a novel therapy for those who do not respond to BCG

May 9th, 2023

4:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

View past webinars by topic



Will You Share Your Bladder Cancer Story?

The [Bladder Cancer Stories](#) pages are among the most popular sections on our web site. Patients and caregivers tell their stories and describe how they felt during diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

Will you [share your bladder cancer story](#) so that we may share it with others? Click the button below to get started.

Share your story

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

In January, BCAN began distributing a weekly e-newsletter, Bladder Cancer Briefs. Here are [January's editions](#).

The Briefs contain quick, easy-to-read updates about bladder cancer in the news, items about bladder cancer research and other items of interest.

It's free! Simply click on the button below to sign up.

Show me the Briefs



Wednesday, January 4, 2023



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Support Resources

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