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Glenn's Story: Helping Others



April 1, 2023 is the two-year anniversary of Glenn's bladder cancer diagnosis. [He recently shared his journey](#) with BCAN and told us that he did so in the hopes that reading it would reduce others' anxieties about facing bladder cancer.

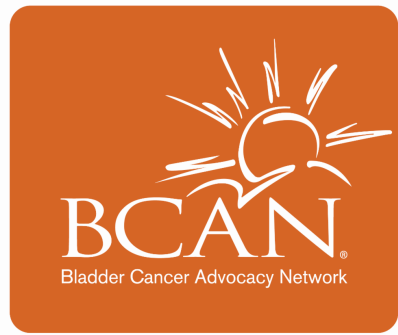
Glenn presented with the most common sign of bladder cancer - blood in his urine. After a CT scan, his doctor told him "I'm sorry to report that you have a large tumor in your bladder."

[Read Glenn's story here](#)

Join in the Fun and Walk with Us

It is springtime and our signature [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#) will be taking place in 16 cities throughout the U.S. as well as a Virtual Walk.

In addition to helping BCAN raise funds to support patients and loved ones, with just a little fundraising, you can be eligible to win [cool incentive prizes](#) like an insulated water bottle up to a flat screen TV!



**WALK TO END
BLADDER CANCER**

**Learn more and join
us!**

BCAN Research Corner

As we like to say, bladder cancer medical research is today's engine that will drive tomorrow's better outcomes for bladder cancer patients and those who love them.

Last week, BCAN [announced the awardees](#) of our first-ever Translational Clinical Trial Awards (TCTA).



The TCTA was created to fund patient-oriented research projects aimed at reducing the burden of care and over treatment for bladder cancer patients. These three-year awards provide up to a total of \$3 million to support research to make significant impacts on bladder cancer patient care and outcomes.

**Learn more about
TCTA**

60 Minutes: How Dogs Help Humans Understand Cancer

In a March "60 Minutes Presents" story, Anderson Cooper reported on how dogs and humans share much of the same DNA. This commonality helps doctors understand more about tumors (including bladder tumors) and this field is called "Comparative Oncology."

To watch the story about how our furry friends are helping us, click on the button below and **advance to the 15:00 minute mark** in the video.

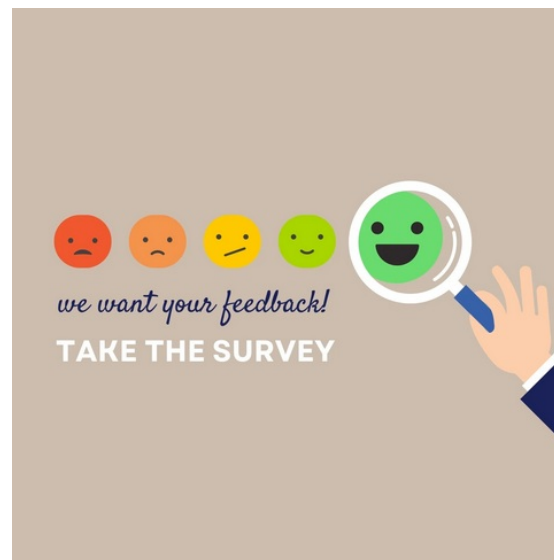


Watch the 60 Minutes Presents Story

Share Your Bladder Cancer Patient Experiences to Help Others

BCAN is currently working with the University of North Carolina and RTI Health Solutions to conduct a study in the US to learn more about the experiences of bladder cancer patients.

If you have non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) or muscle invasive bladder cancer (MIBC) and are interested in participating in a 25–30-minute online survey in your home, please click the button below.



Take the survey

Upcoming Webinars

Treatment Talk | What You Need to Know About Clinical Trials for Treating MIBC

April 3rd at 3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

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

May 9th at 4:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

View past webinars by topic

Free Phone Support for

Patients, Loved Ones and the Bereaved

In January, BCAN announced its [free phone support program](#) for bladder cancer patients, caregivers, loved ones as well as those who have lost someone to the disease.

The video to the right offers more detail and by contacting 833-ASK-4-BCA (**833-275-4222**), callers will be connected with professional oncology social workers with specific expertise on issues affecting bladder cancer patients and their families.



Click to watch the video above

Tell me more

An illustration showing three people (a woman in a red shirt, a man in a red shirt, and a woman in a yellow dress) holding colorful smiley face icons. A speech bubble contains five smiley faces of different colors and expressions. The text 'YOUR OPINION MATTERS!' is at the top. The website 'www.reallygreatsite.com' is at the bottom left.

Help Improve Survivorship Care

Your voice and experiences matter! The **BCAN Think Tank Survivorship Task Force** is dedicated to improving survivorship care for bladder cancer patients, and we need your input to help guide our efforts.

We invite you to complete our survey, which has been developed to better understand the needs of **bladder cancer patients and their caregivers**. Your responses will be valuable in shaping future projects and initiatives aimed at improving survivorship care. Thank you!

Tell us what you think

