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The Best BCAM EVER

Wow! May marked the biggest and best **Bladder Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM)** ever! May was an exhilarating and rewarding journey, including Walks to End Bladder Cancer, a live broadcast celebrating our vibrant community, selecting a Beacon of Hope award winner and a fascinating, live Q&A with two leading bladder cancer physicians. Click the button below to learn more!



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Shoba's Story: A Kidney Transplant and Then Three Different Cancers

Coping with a bladder cancer diagnosis is incredibly challenging. But imagine what it is like to endure a kidney transplant at 23 years of age, followed by [upper tract urothelial carcinoma](#), bladder cancer, and adenocarcinoma of the liver.

That is [the journey that Shoba went through](#). Click below to read her amazing and uplifting story.

Read Shoba's
story



Congratulations, Nancy!

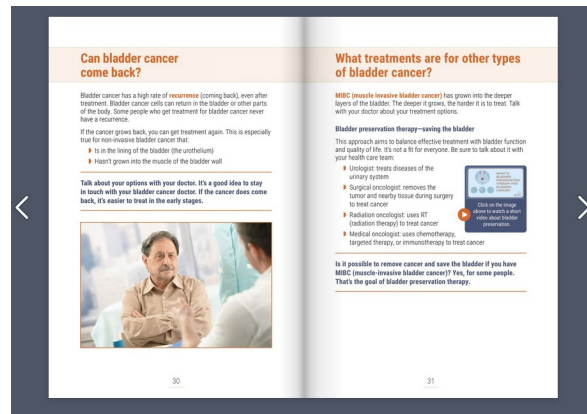
Thank you to everyone in the BCAN community who participated (in record numbers!) to select the 2023 [Beacon of Hope award](#) winner, Nancy Parrish. Nancy Parrish, a bladder cancer survivor, is the founder of the North Carolina Bladder Cancer Retreat.

[Meet Nancy Parrish](#)

An Improved, Online Bladder Cancer Basics

We have enhanced your favorite free bladder cancer guide, *Bladder Cancer Basics*, to make it more informative and easy to read!

The [animated version](#) of BCAN's signature publication, available on the BCAN website, includes embedded links to additional information about bladder cancer, along with helpful videos explaining common topics.



Show me the animated version

Upcoming, Informative Online Programming

Female Focus Support Group
Meets monthly and the next meeting is June 6 at 7pm ET

[Register here](#)

For Men: Selecting Your Best Urinary Diversion

July 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

For Women: Selecting Your Best Urinary Diversion

July 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Managing Side Effects of Procedures and Treatments in the Bladder

July 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

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

September 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM

[Register here](#)

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Did You Miss Ask the Experts?

On May 24, BCAN facilitated a conversation with two of the leading bladder cancer doctors in the country - our annual [Ask the Experts](#) event. These two renowned physicians answered audience questions about bladder cancer diagnosis and screening and the present and promising future of treatments. Click below to watch the fascinating broadcast.



Taking Steps to End Bladder Cancer

Thank you to the thousands who walked to end bladder cancer, in person in 15 cities or virtually. Thanks to your generosity, BCAN has raised over \$800,000 to support patients, caregivers, and cutting-edge medical research.

Although we are still short of our \$1 million fundraising goal, **it's not too late to donate** and help us achieve even more. Click on the button below to make your contribution. Thank you!



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BCAN Research Corner

Funding Today's Bright Research Minds to Fuel Tomorrow's Improved Patient Outcomes

On May 24, BCAN announced the five recipients of its prestigious [Young Investigator Awards](#), recognizing exceptional early-career scientists and clinical cancer investigators who are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of bladder cancer patients.

2023 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDEE

JONATHAN CHOU,
MD, PHD

Project: "Targeting
advanced bladder
cancer with
NECTIN4-directed
CAR T cell therapy"



Each Young Investigator Award includes a \$75,000 grant to support one year of bladder cancer research. BCAN has awarded over \$5 million in grants to promising scientists and researchers to advance our understanding of bladder cancer.

Learn more about the 2023 YIA
recipients



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