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# The Beacon

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## Ann: Bladder Cancer Runs In My Family

Ann received a Stage I, non-muscle invasive bladder cancer diagnosis in 2019, which marked the beginning of her bladder cancer journey. But this was not the first time she had heard of the illness. Her father was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2014.

Click below to read Ann's incredible story.

[Read Ann's story](#)



## Make Your FreeWill

August is **National Make a Will Month** and as a service to the BCAN community, we are providing a free, easy way to create your own will. We have partnered with FreeWill, an organization that offers a [simple, legally-binding, online solution](#). You can make your own FreeWill today. More than 300,000 Americans have trusted FreeWill to protect their futures.

[Learn more](#)

## Upcoming, Informative Webinars

**2023 Think Tank Panel:  
Carcinogenesis of Bladder Cancer:  
Exploring/uncovering  
environmental and internal risk  
factors**

August 3, 2023 10:30 AM

[Register here](#)

**2023 Think Tank Panel: Real world  
applications of microbiome in  
Bladder Cancer | Part 1**

August 4, 2023 at 10:00 am ET

[Register here](#)

**2023 Think Tank Panel with Dr.  
Samuel Washington | The road to  
health equity in bladder cancer**  
August 4, 2023 at 1:00 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 ET

[Register here](#)



Wednesday, January 4, 2023



#### Research

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#### Support Resources

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[Learn more](#)

## Get Your Weekly Bladder Cancer "Brief" Update

BCAN distributes a weekly e-newsletter, Bladder Cancer Briefs, that contains quick, easy-to-read updates about bladder cancer in the news, items about bladder cancer research and other stories of interest.

**It's free! Simply click on the button below to sign up.** Want to check it out first? Read our [Bladder Cancer Briefs archives here](#).

Sign me  
up

## Share Your Story To Help Others



The [Bladder Cancer Stories](#) section on the BCAN web site is among the most popular. In it, patients and caregivers share their moving stories and describe how they felt during their diagnosis, treatment, caregiving and life after bladder cancer.

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

## Join Us in Nashville in October!

Imagine being a room with hundreds of bladder cancer patients and families **who get it**. They understand the difficulties and detours of having bladder cancer and the strain that it puts on everyone.

We invite you to join us for the **BCAN Fall Bladder Cancer Summit** in Nashville, TN, on October 27th and 28th. Navigate your journey from diagnosis to survivorship with expert guidance. Discover shortcuts, avoid obstacles, and explore options for living well beyond bladder cancer. The Summit is free to attend, but registration is required. Don't miss this transformative event. Register now!



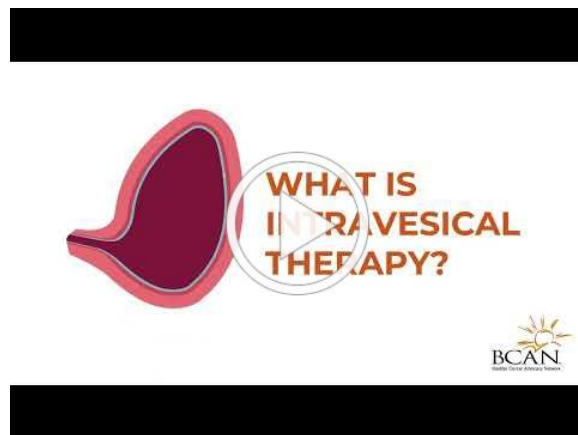
Tell me more about  
Summit

## Understanding Bladder Cancer - Intravesical Therapy

For many non-muscle invasive bladder cancer patients, intravesical therapy is a first line treatment.

Intravesical therapy is a treatment that is administered directly into the bladder, where it comes into contact with the bladder tumors.

Click the video to the right to learn more.



See more bladder cancer  
videos

## BCAN Research Corner

Welcome, Anne!

[Anne Collins, MPH](#) recently joined BCAN as its Research Project Coordinator.

She is responsible for supporting the implementation of BCAN's [research and grant activities](#), including pre-award activities and coordination and tracking of post-award deliverables and outcomes.

Prior to BCAN, Anne served as a Master's-level Research Associate at RTI International.



Anne Collins

Read more about  
Anne



## Planned Giving



Did you know there are creative ways to support BCAN, in which you and your loved ones all benefit at the same time?

Such giving techniques are called "[planned gifts](#)" because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and BCAN.

Learn more about planned  
giving

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