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Nicholas: My Tribute to My Mom

Nicholas, who lost his mother, Pamela Lightcap Simpson, in July of 2021, shares her journey with bladder cancer and the importance of an organization such as BCAN to bring awareness to this disease. Nicholas feels indebted to have spent valuable moments with her, even those that were a blessing in disguise.

**Read Nicholas'
story**



Sign Up for Walk to End Bladder Cancer Updates!

Registration for our signature Walks begins on October 1, 2023 but you don't have to wait until then. Simply click on the button below and we'll email to tell you the site is up and ready for registrations. **Join the fun!**

**Sign me
up!**

Upcoming, Informative Webinars

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

For those whose tumors do not respond to BCG, a newly approved gene therapy may provide a valuable alternative to bladder removal surgery.

[Register here](#)

Real world applications of microbiome in bladder cancer. What should patients know?

October 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM ET

Discover the connection between the microbiome and bladder cancer, and unravel the potential impact of gut bacteria on tumor development and treatment responses.

[Register here](#)

Patient Etiquette - How to manage your bladder cancer treatment

October 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM ET

Bladder cancer often requires a long-term relationship with your healthcare team. Find out how to avoid pitfalls and potholes on your patient journey.

[Register here](#)

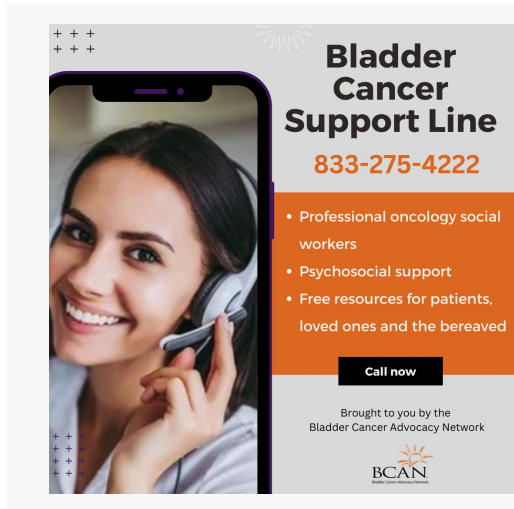
Female Focus Women's Support Group Meetings



Next meeting on September 5th! The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network is proud to offer our monthly **Female Focus Bladder Cancer Online Support Group**. Moderated by nurse and BCAN patient advocate [Karen Sachse](#), RN, MSN and oncology social worker Miriam Pomerantz Kadosh, MSW, LCSW, the Female Focus support group and programs are by women and for women who are facing or have faced bladder cancer.

[Learn more and register](#)

Call Centering Offering Support for Bladder Cancer Community

A graphic for the Bladder Cancer Support Line. On the left is a smartphone displaying a smiling woman on a video call. To the right, the text reads "Bladder Cancer Support Line" in bold, followed by the phone number "833-275-4222". Below this is a list of services: "Professional oncology social workers", "Psychosocial support", and "Free resources for patients, loved ones and the bereaved". A "Call now" button is at the bottom. At the very bottom, it says "Brought to you by the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network" with the BCAN logo.

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Call now

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Did you know that in partnership with CancerCare, [BCAN offers a support line](#) for bladder cancer patients, caregivers and the bereaved?

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

Learn
more

Join Us in Nashville in October!



Picture yourself in a gathering of individuals *just like you*: those impacted by bladder cancer. Those people truly understand the challenges and unexpected turns that come with a bladder cancer diagnosis, as well as the toll it takes on patients and their loved ones.

We extend a warm invitation for you to participate in the [BCAN Fall Bladder Cancer Summit](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, taking place on **October 27th and 28th**. Chart your path from diagnosis to survivorship with the guidance of seasoned experts. Attendance at the gathering is free, but registration is necessary. Secure your spot today!

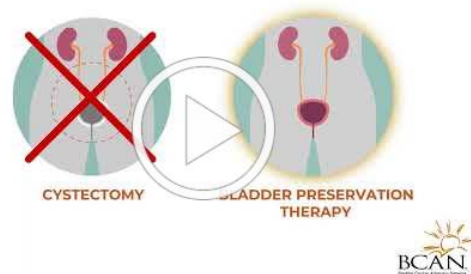
Tell me more about
Summit

Understanding Bladder Preservation

Bladder preservation, or tri-modality therapy, usually begins with an aggressive resection of the visible tumor followed by radiation therapy given together with chemotherapy.

When patients are well selected for this approach, it can offer similar outcomes to treating with a [cystectomy](#) while still preserving a functioning bladder.

Click the video above to learn more and [visit our web page](#) on bladder preservation therapy.



BCAN Research Corner

At BCAN, we believe that today's bladder cancer research is the engine that will drive more and better tomorrows for bladder cancer patients and loved ones. Did you know that BCAN [has invested more than \\$5 million](#) in research? Click the button below to learn more about our research programs



[More about research](#)



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