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Colleen's Story: A Young Mother with Bladder Cancer



Battling through her bladder cancer diagnosis as a young mother, Colleen found hope and resilience and ultimately embraced a transformative therapy.

Amidst her journey, family, friends, and the support of BCAN's invaluable resources became pillars of strength for her.

Click below to read Colleen's inspiring story.

**Read Colleen's
story**

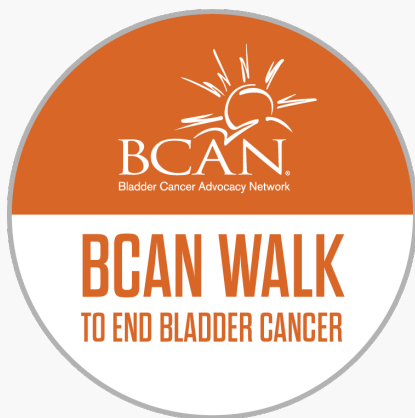


Thank You to the BCAN Community

There's a unique way to convey our gratitude – through the voices of those we serve: the patients and their loved ones. We invite you to watch the video above in which members of our patient community express their heartfelt thanks to people like you who donated to help BCAN help others.

If you would still like to make a gift, you can [do so here](#).

Thank you.



2024 is the Year of the Walk!

The [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#) are right around the corner. **Our goal this year is to raise \$1 million** to help bladder cancer patients and we need your help.

Please register for a local or virtual Walk and help us kick start Walk season. The sooner we start, the more we can help bladder cancer patients and those who love them. Thank you!

Join Us at a Walk in
2024

**BCAN Spring Summit for
Patients and Families - Register**



Now!

Imagine yourself in a place surrounded by people who genuinely understand the challenges you are facing.

The BCAN [Spring Summit for Bladder Cancer Patients and Families](#) will take place on March 8th and 9th, 2024 at the Marriott Seattle Airport. These Summits serve as essential and uplifting gatherings for bladder cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.

Our Summits create the opportunity for those impacted by bladder cancer to unite, exchange stories, and get valuable perspectives from top medical experts.

[Join Us at the Spring Summit](#)

Military Times Article Sheds Light on PACT Act



The PACT Act provided a pathway for millions of ill veterans to obtain health care and disability compensation for environmental exposures abroad, including those who developed bladder cancer.

In the article "Millions of Vets Got Health Care and Benefits Under the PACT Act. Thousands Left Out Want the Same Chance" in the Military Times, its author points out that many veterans and their families who lived through potential exposures were not included and face an arduous process proving their illnesses are tied to military life.

[Read the Military Times article](#)

For additional information, please view our recent webinar, [Veterans and Bladder Cancer | A conversation about Veterans Administration hospitals and how they can help](#).



Bladder Cancer Podcasts for You

Did you know that BCAN's podcast, [Bladder Cancer Matters](#), is now in its fourth season? There are new and interesting episodes waiting for you like those below:

- [I Got Bladder Cancer at 22 Years of Age with Kristen S.](#)
- [What Do I Do If BCG Doesn't Work? with Dr. Michael O'Donnell](#)
- [Everything You Need to Know About Bladder Preservation with Dr. Leslie Ballas](#)

Never miss an episode of Bladder Cancer Matters by subscribing in your favorite podcasting platform like [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#).

Upcoming Webinars

How can caregivers help when their loved one needs bladder removal?
January 23, 2024 | 4:00 PM ET

Bladder removal (radical cystectomy) is major surgery and caregivers play a critical role when patients go home. This webinar's guests will provide valuable insight into how patients and caregivers can be active and engaged members of the healthcare team during the cystectomy journey.

[Register here](#)



Bench to Bedside: Clinical trials to treat bladder cancer?

April 18, 2024 | 7:00 PM ET

Have you ever wondered how new treatments for bladder cancer come to be? It's a fascinating journey from the research lab to the doctor's office, and you play a crucial role in it.

[Register Now](#)

[View past BCAN webinars here](#)

FREE Resource: Call Center for the Bladder Cancer Community



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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In collaboration with CancerCare, BCAN provides [a toll-free helpline](#) for those impacted by bladder cancer, including patients, caregivers, and those who are grieving.

Call **833-ASK-4-BCA (833-275-4222)** to connect with experienced oncology social workers specializing in the psychosocial and financial challenges faced by bladder cancer patients and their families.

[Learn more here.](#)

Understanding TURBTs

A TURBT (trans urethral resection of bladder tumor) is an outpatient surgical procedure to remove a bladder tumor. Doctors use a resectoscope, which is a tool with a small electrified loop of wire at the end that can resect (remove) a bladder tumor.

Watch the video to the right to learn more about TURBTs.

We also invite you to visit our web page [about TURBTs](#) for more information.



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