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Anita's Story: "We have to be our own advocates."

It started with a seemingly innocent symptom: blood in her urine. Initially dismissed as a urinary tract infection by her general practitioner, Anita sought a second opinion in December 2019. By January 2020, the reappearance of blood in her urine prompted an urgent referral to a urologist which led to a turning point in her journey when a cystoscopy revealed a sizable tumor.

[Read Anita's story](#)



Walks to End Bladder Cancer Begin on April 27th

BCAN's Walks to End Bladder Cancer begin on April 27th with Walks in [Chapel Hill](#), [Chicago](#), [Denver](#) and [Philadelphia](#).

Participating in a [Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#) boosts awareness and early detection, funds research for treatments and a cure, and builds a supportive community for affected individuals and families, showing they're not alone.

Additionally, the Walk fosters a supportive community, offering

encouragement and understanding to survivors, fighters, and their loved ones, reinforcing that they are not alone in their journey.

Additional Opportunities to Join a Walk

- [Albany: May 11, 2024](#)
- [Austin: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Baltimore: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Boston: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Columbus: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Myrtle Beach: May 18, 2024](#)
- [New York City: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Pittsburgh: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Portland, ME: May 4, 2024](#)
- [Richmond: May 18, 2024](#)
- [San Diego: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Seattle: May 18, 2024](#)
- [Washington, DC: May 4, 2024](#)
- [Virtual Walk: Any time!](#)

[Register to Walk](#)

Nominate Your 2024 Beacon of Hope

Each year, we extend an invitation to you to shine a light on those extraordinary individuals who have illuminated your path through your bladder cancer journey. This is your chance to honor that special someone who has been your steadfast support system during your most challenging times with a **Beacon of Hope award**.

We invite you to nominate that special person by clicking the button below. Voting is **open only until April 19th**.



[Learn more and nominate](#)

Ask the Experts on May 22nd

Join us for a free, empowering session of knowledge and insight at BCAN's upcoming "[Ask the Experts](#)" event on **May**



22, 2024 at 7:00 PM ET.

This unique, interactive Zoom session offers members of the BCAN community an exclusive opportunity to engage directly with two of the United States' foremost bladder cancer specialists, and previous BCAN Young Investigator Award recipients, Dr. Brendan Guercio, a medical oncologist at the University of Rochester, and Dr. Matthew Mossanen, a urologist at Harvard Medical Center.

The event is free to attend but **registration is required.**

[Register for Ask the Experts](#)

Upcoming Webinars for You



Stress, Anxiety and Supportive Care After a Bladder Cancer Diagnosis

April 11, 2024 | 4:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Bench to Bedside: Clinical Trials to Treat bladder cancer?

April 18, 2024 | 7:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Treatment Talk | How Does Precision Medicine Tailor Treatment for Bladder Cancer?

April 25, 2024 | 4:00 PM ET

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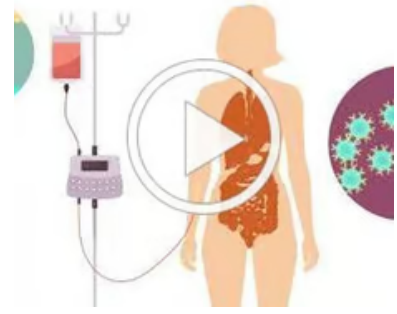
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