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## Eric's Story: "Bladder cancer gave me a story to tell."

What started as an ordinary day quickly shifted when [Eric Feldt Jr.](#) noticed subtle signs that something wasn't right. As the symptoms continued, a quiet concern turned into a life-altering diagnosis.



From that pivotal moment, he embarked on a journey defined by resilience, faith, and proactive care. Facing surgeries, setbacks, and unexpected challenges, he not only found the strength to move forward but also a renewed mission to support others on their own journeys.

[Read Eric's story](#)

## Walk to Ignite Hope for Others



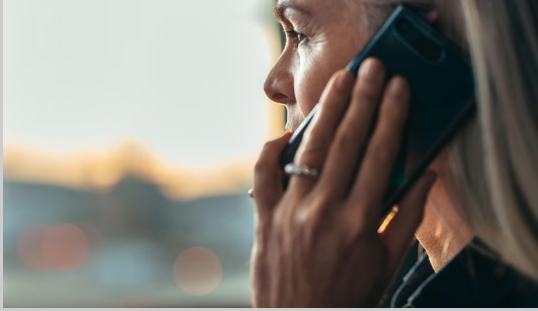
The [2025 Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#) are officially open for registration!

This year, we're excited to welcome participants to 19 cities, including new additions like St. Louis and Tampa. No Walk near you? Join [virtually](#) from wherever you are!

Every step you take helps drive hope and progress. Sign up today and be part of the movement making a difference.

[Register now!](#)

## Free Support Line for the Bladder Cancer Community



Dealing with a bladder cancer diagnosis and treatment or losing someone to the disease is very hard and BCAN is here to help.

We offer [a toll-free support line](#) staffed by trained oncology social workers for patients, loved ones and the bereaved. Call today: 833-ASK-4-BCA (833-275-4222). They are open most days between 10:00 am - 6:00 pm ET.

[Discover more](#)

## Welcoming Nick: Our Newest BCAN Team Member!

[Nick Leininger](#) earned his degree in Public Relations and Strategic Communications from American University in 2017 and has built a career in sales, fundraising, and account management in Washington, DC. He has also served as a leadership fellow with the National Center for Learning Disabilities and as a board member for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Festival.



Now joining BCAN as Development Coordinator, Nick is excited to support a cause-driven mission. In his free time, he enjoys performing poetry, visiting museums, and hunting for the perfect americano.

## Upcoming Webinar

### Intimacy Redefined: Navigating Sexuality During Bladder Cancer Treatment

January 9, 2025 | 4 PM ET

[Click here to register](#)

Bladder cancer treatments such as chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation can profoundly impact physical and emotional aspects of sexuality, posing challenges for

patients and their partners. Join **Daniela Wittmann, PhD, LMSW** (University of Michigan) for an engaging discussion on the intersection of cancer care and sexual health. This webinar will explore common concerns, effective communication strategies, and resources to help patients navigate these changes. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights from leading experts and learn how to address sexuality as part of holistic cancer care.

## Support and Resources for Bladder Cancer Caregivers



Bladder cancer impacts both patients and their caregivers, affecting well-being and quality of life. It's important to remember that you're not alone. Caregivers play a vital role in offering physical, emotional, and practical support, often becoming the primary source of care during long treatment plans. BCAN is here to help.

Our Bladder Cancer Tips for Caregivers provides helpful suggestions that many caregivers wish they had known when their loved one was first diagnosed. Survivorship starts at diagnosis and involves the psychological, emotional, social, health, and financial challenges patients and their families face. Support resources are available to help you through this journey.

[Learn more here](#)

## Risk Factors: What Contributes to Bladder Cancer?

While the exact causes of bladder cancer are not fully understood, certain behaviors and environmental factors can [increase the risk](#):

- Smoking
- Chemical exposure, like PFAs
- Race, age, and/or gender
- Chronic bladder inflammation
- Personal history with bladder cancer

[Find out more here](#)

## FREE RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



### Clinical Trials

Search for clinical trials by bladder cancer stage, location, or proximity to you.

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### Webinars

BCAN offers live and recorded videos from top experts to help you navigate your bladder cancer journey.

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