

Bladder Cancer Summit for Patients & Families

October 17 & 18, 2025

The Plaza Hotel Columbus at Capital Square



PROGRAM AGENDA

Friday, October 17, 2025

****8:30 AM- 3:00 PM- Registration & Information Fair****

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:30 AM	Registration & Information Fair Open Coffee and light refreshments	
10:00-11:00 AM	Welcome & BCAN at a Glance: Programs, Progress, and Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voices from the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meri-Margaret Deodes, CEO Patricia Rios, Sr. Manager BCAN Volunteer Patient Advocates
11:00-12:15 PM	Walk-Through Today's Standards of Care for Bladder Cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring for NMIBC, MIBC, & Advanced Disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kamal Pohar, MD, Urologist, Ohio State University Yusra Shao, MD, Medical Oncologist, Karmanos Cancer Center
12:15-1:15 PM	LUNCH	
1:15-2:30 PM	Physical Health After Bladder Cancer: Challenges & Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing post-treatment pain and fatigue Tips on how to handle common ostomy diversion-specific complications (leaks, infections, blockages) and how to manage them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Smith, MPAS, PA-C, University of Kentucky Christy Terrell & Miriam Quinn, WOC RNs, Ohio State University Najma Ansari, PharmD, Oncology Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Karmanos Cancer Center
2:30-2:45 PM	BREAK	
2:45-4:00 PM	Bladder Cancer & Clinical Trials: A Patient's Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the clinical trial process and how to find and evaluate a clinical trial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kendall Lewis, Sr. Clinic Research Coordinator, Ohio State University Katharine Collier, MD, Medical Oncologist, Ohio State University
4:00-4:15 PM	BREAK	
4:15 - 5:30 PM	Shared Decision-Making & Personalizing Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on how care plans are tailored and how patients can make decisions that reflect their personal values and goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary W. Dunn, RN, MSN, OCN, NP-C, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
5:30 -8:30 PM	Social Hour & Dinner	

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Saturday, October 18, 2025

****8:00 AM– 11:00 AM– Registration & Information Fair ****

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00 AM	Breakfast, Registration & Information Fair	
9:00–9:30 AM	Step Into Awareness: The BCAN Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCAN Development Team
9:30–10:30 AM	Redefining Limits: A Discussion with Bladder Cancer Patient Advocates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient advocates will share real-world tips, encouragement, and ways to elevate the patient voice in care, research, and advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles “Chuck” Schotten Colleen Griffin Damon Thomas
10:30–10:45 AM	BREAK	
10:45–12:00 PM	From Gut Health to Bladder Health: The Microbiome Connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current research findings on the relationship between the microbiome and treatment outcomes Potential ways lifestyle factors (diet, antibiotics, probiotics, etc.) may impact the microbiome and bladder cancer treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Scovell, MD, Cleveland Clinic
12:00–1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00–2:00 PM	New Therapies on the Horizon for Bladder Cancer: A Q&A with Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the latest therapies in development and recently approved treatments for bladder cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kamal Pohar, MD, Urologist, Ohio State University Tareq K. Salous, MD, Medical Oncologist, Indiana University Health
2:00–2:30 PM	Summit Reflection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCAN Leadership Team
2:30 PM	Closing	

Save-the-Date

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