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A Routine Treatment Took an Unexpected Turn



What started as a straightforward treatment plan soon became a journey filled with challenges, uncertainty, and life-changing decisions. Along the way, the side effects of treatment disrupted daily life and tested both patience and resilience.

But in the midst of those struggles came an opportunity to participate in a clinical trial—one that not only brought renewed hope but also helped advance research for future bladder cancer patients.

Today, that same journey has come full circle, leaving behind not just lessons learned but also a commitment to helping others who may face the same path.

[Read Frank's Story](#)



PURCHASE TICKETS:
[BCAN.org/celebrate](https://bcan.org/celebrate)

BCAN turns 20 this year and we invite you to join us for our anniversary celebration! On November 6, 2025 in Washington, DC, our special evening will include a delicious dinner, inspiring speakers, a performance by Grammy winner Randy Scott and a look back at our journey honoring those who've made an impact.

[Purchase tickets](#)

Share Your Experience: Take Our Bladder Cancer Treatment Decision-Making Survey



The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN), in partnership with [CancerCare](#), is inviting patients to participate in a voluntary and anonymous survey about how decisions are made when it comes to bladder cancer treatment. This 15-minute online survey is designed to better understand patients' experiences and needs during the decision-making process. No names or identifying information will be collected, ensuring full anonymity.

Who can participate? Adults (18+) diagnosed with bladder cancer who reside in the United States.

Why participate? Your feedback will help improve education, advocacy, and support programs for the bladder cancer community. By sharing your voice, you'll play a vital role in shaping better resources, tools, and support for patients and families facing bladder cancer.

Your experience matters—join us in making a difference.

[**Take the survey today**](#)

Questions? Contact Patricia Rios, prios@bcan.org

Why Danny Walks to End Bladder Cancer





Danny Gereg is a bladder cancer survivor and a dedicated patient advocate. He helps raise awareness of the disease and supports his fellow patients, caregivers and survivors.

Be part of a powerful movement by registering for a [Walk to End Bladder Cancer](#) near you—**registration opens October 21**. Together, we can raise awareness, support those impacted and help make a real difference in the fight against bladder cancer.

[Watch Danny's video](#)

Learn More About BCAN's Bladder Cancer Research Awards

Search Awards

Search awards by title, content, investigators, or investigator institution

Year Awarded:

Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award

Awardee Name
Michael O'Donnell, MD - University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Andrew Hsieh, MD - Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Award Amount
\$300,000

Since 2005, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) has played a pivotal role in advancing bladder cancer research, awarding **more than \$11 million in grants**—particularly for high-risk, high-reward ideas that other funders may overlook.

Have you ever been curious about the types of bladder cancer research BCAN has funded? If so, we invite you to visit the [newest section on our web site](#) providing details about our research awards. You can search by investigator, type of award, status and even by institution.

[Learn more about our research award program](#)

2025 Fall Summit: Connecting, Learning, and Growing Together

Time is running out to join us in



Columbus, Ohio at BCAN's [Bladder Cancer Summit for Patients and Families](#), a gathering created with our community in mind. This event brings together patients and caregivers from every stage of the bladder cancer journey, offering a chance to reconnect with familiar faces, make new friends, and learn from leading experts.



At the 2025 [Fall Summit in Columbus, Ohio](#), on **October 17 & 18**, you'll gain practical insights to help you thrive during and after bladder cancer—whether it's understanding the latest standards of care, managing treatment side effects, or navigating life beyond diagnosis. Inspirational stories from our patient advocates will leave you motivated, empowered and ready to take the next step in your own journey.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with the bladder cancer community.

[Register today!](#)

Want to know more about our Summits? Explore videos from our [Spring 2025 Summit for Patients and Families](#).

World Ostomy Day: Honoring Strength and Raising Awareness



Join the movement to raise awareness and make a difference this **#WorldOstomyDay** on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Visit ostomy.org to learn how you can get involved and show your support. This year's theme, *Invisible Disabilities, Visible Support*, highlights the importance of standing with those living with ostomies, and BCAN is proud to be part of the "Visible Support," making a positive impact in our community.

[Discover more](#)

Bladder Cancer Clinical Trials

Bladder Cancer Type:

All



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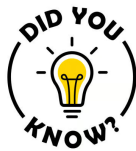
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A clinical trial is often not your last resort - it might be your first line of treatment. Explore [bladder cancer clinical trials](#) near you to access new treatment options. Not sure if a trial is right for you? Learn more and easily search by disease type, location, or state to find opportunities closest to you.

[Explore now](#)

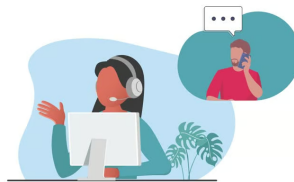
FREE RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Fact Sheets

BCAN provides patient-tested tips to guide what to expect before, during, and after bladder cancer procedures.

[Learn more »](#)



Support Line

Call **833-ASK-4-BCA** to speak with oncology social workers who support bladder cancer patients, families and caregivers.

[Call now »](#)



Bladder Cancer App

BCAN offers a free iPhone and Android app to help manage your bladder cancer journey in one convenient place.

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